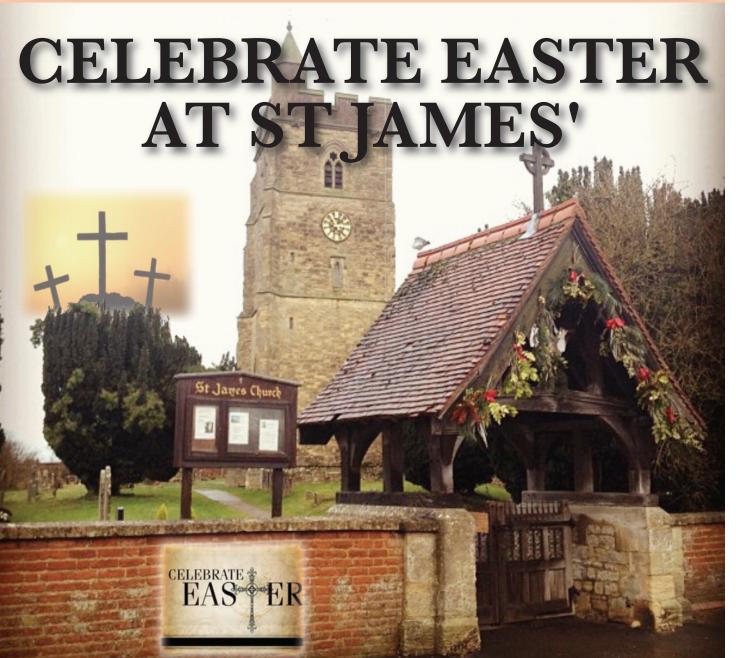
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April 2014



St James'	Services	for April	Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
6th April	11.00am	Holy Communion	S Barfoot	N Weir	M Gilbey
13th April	11.00am	Palm Sunday			
		Come & Praise	R Hemphill	J Hemphill	D Brazier
14th April	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	17 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	-
20th April	11.00am	Easter Day			
		Holy Communion	J Margerrison	I Lamberton	J Margerrison
27th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
27th April	11.00am	Service of the Word	D Brazier	C Finnemore	Clergy



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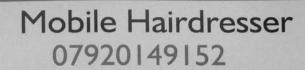
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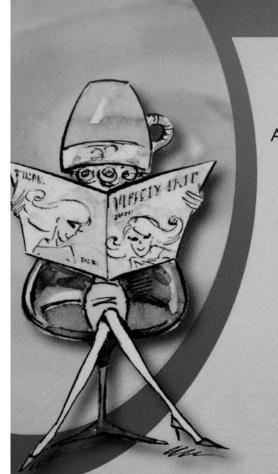


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Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will continue in April throughout our time of Lent in St James' Church starting at 12 noon. Come and join us for a delicious home-made lunch, including soup, bread and cake. All welcome.

Lent Course

The Lent Course continues on Wednesday's at 73 Spring Lane, the home of Mark and Julie Lindsell. Please join us for a quiet time of reflection and prayer. All welcome from 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Good Friday Craft Workshop and Service

On Good Friday (18th April) from 2.00 - 4.00pm there will be a craft workshop in Great Horwood Village Hall for 5-11 year-olds. 4 year-olds in Reception are also very welcome too if they bring an adult or teenage helper with them. The children will be able to make Easter decorations and treats. Parents are invited to join us in the Village Hall at 3.45pm for a short service to conclude the event. This is a free activity provided by St James Church, Great Horwood and there is no need to book in advance. If you need further details, please contact me on 01296 712034 or claremartin71@btinternet.com

Clare Martin

Palm Sunday Service

The Palm Sunday Service will start from the bottom of Willow Road at 10.15am. We process around the village with palms and arrive at St James' for the start of the service at 11.00am. Please join us at any time along the route for hymns and prayers on our way.

Easter Lilies

As many of you will know, St James' is decorated at Easter time with lilies which can be purchased in memory of a loved one.

The cost this year is £2 per lily or £5 for three lilies. If you would like to do so, please complete the list at the back of the Church and give any monies to Sue Brazier at 17 The Close or June Margerrison at 5 Wigwell Gardens. So that the lilies can be ordered in good time for Easter, please note that the closing date will be Friday 4th April.

Church Fete

It's that time of year again when we start to plan the village Fete which will take place on Saturday 5th July on The Green. There will be a meeting at The Crown to start preparations on Thursday 10th 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.

St James' Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting this year will take place on Sunday 7th April at 12.00 noon, 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.

Great Horwood Toddler Group

We are a small friendly group who meet Monday afternoons (term time only) 1.30pm – 3pm in the Village Hall. Children play safely and we have tea/coffee.

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Horwode Pece

James Samways

We are sorry to say that James Samways is leaving the Rec. Check Team after seven years. James was a founding trustee when the Great Horwood & Singleborough Recreation Trust was set up in February 2007 to provide and maintain a recreation ground for the parish. Thank you James for all the hard work you have done.

So we have a vacancy for anyone who can help. We have volunteers who check the field and equipment on Horwode Pece once a week, so if you offer to be on the rota, it works out at once every eight weeks. Lots of people enjoy using the Rec. and if you can help we would be really grateful. Please call 715331 or email liz.nicholls@lineone.net

Dog Poo

It has been brought to our notice that there is an increase in the amount of dog poo not being disposed of at the Rec. The vast majority of dog walkers are extremely responsible and are not only picking up their own dogs' mess but are clearing up after others. If you are a dog walker with multiple dogs it may be hard to keep a watchful eye on all your dogs at the same time and maybe that is where the problem lies. As a suggestion, do not let them off their leash until AFTER they have done their business, then you know where it is and can pick it up.

PLEASE remember as the weather improves, more children will be playing down there now. We are very fortunate as a village that dogs are allowed around playground equipment but this is being spoilt by a <u>very small minority</u> of selfish people.

John Nicholls

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Chairman – Horwode Pece Management Committee

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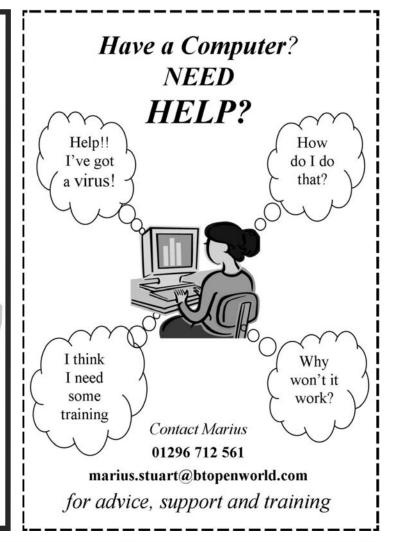
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Lions Club of Winslow

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The Lions Club of Winslow would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our Winslow 10k Run. Huge congratulations to Glen Turner of Leighton Buzzard AC & Hannah Turner of Harpenden Arrows, who won their respective races. Despite high winds and rain showers, we had over 300 competitors take part and we were delighted to see so many people completing the course with a smile

With many competitors personal bests being broken, it proved to a very successful day. One competitor even said 'I had so much fun! Can I do it again?!'

We would not be able to hold our 10km Run without the co-operation of FurzeDown School, who's cakes and cups of tea proved extremely popular before and after the race! Also many thanks to The Winslow Scout Group who handed out water for competitors and Matthew Goss and Steve Rooney from Martin, Nye & Co for the results production.

We have now completed our defibrillator project. The defibrillator box is housed on the front of Winslow Fire Station. The defibrillator project has been close to the heart of many of the members in our club and we are delighted to have completed this. We would like to thank Bucks Fire and Rescue and the South Central Ambulance Service for their cooperation in what has been an important project for the community of Winslow.

The defibrillator is available for anyone to use. It is accessed by ringing the 999 emergency services and stating the emergency incident. If the defibrillator is needed then they will give the key code for the box on the front of the fire station. The defibrillator can be used by anyone and automatically gives you verbal instructions on how to use it.

Thank you to everyone who has attended one of our events recently. The money you kindly donate to us has made this project possible. If you think that the Lions Club of Winslow can help you, please contact us on the number below or via our website.

Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

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Great Horwood Silver Band

The Band's recent concert in the Buckingham Community Centre was a great success, and very well attended. The Concert began with the training band conducted by Emma Mainwaring. They played "Absolutely Tango'ed," followed by "Vivaldi's Winter" from the "Four Seasons" and finished with "The Toreadors" from Carmen. Emma presented The Frank Wilkes Rose Bowl to Mable Mainwaring and the George Edmans trophy to Holly Knibbs

The main band, conducted by Musical Director Simon Martin, began with the march "Medallion" followed by "Feelings" with tenor horn soloist Clare Martin. Then came Edelweiss followed by the "Music of the Night" played by euphonium soloist Roy Lack. The first half finished with the catchy piece Take Five .

During the interval, Band President Len Goodwin presented the Sid Mould Trophy to Will Edmundson and the Padbury Sickness benefit Trophy to Tony Hart.

The second half of the programme began with the march "Star Lake" conducted by Bandmaster Tony Hart, followed by cornet solo "Hello" played by soloist Emma Mainwaring. Then came "The Muppets" followed by "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair". The trombone feature "The Swinging Bones" came next, trombone soloists Andrew Cook, Paul Lack, Lauren Cook and Colin Nichols. The Concert finished with "Someone to watch over me" and "The Floral Dance".

The Band's next Concert will be on Saturday 10th May in Waddesdon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entry: £7 and £5 concessions. There will be a raffle and refreshments. All proceeds from this concert will be for the Parkinsons UK charity.

Congratulations to MD Simon Martin and his wife Emma on the birth of their second son Max, a brother for Louis. Beryl Lack

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Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor

As promised in the December issue of Focus, I have planned my 'Have Your Say' sessions for the year in the Village Hall, Great Horwood. I will be there from 10:00am until 11:30 on 9th April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 27th Aug, 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 19th Nov, 17th Dec. These coincide with the post office. I look forward to seeing you and discussing any issues I can help with.

Hopefully, we will soon see an improvement in the weather and so be encouraged to get out of the house and go for walks in the beautiful countryside that makes up the Aylesbury Vale. This will probably entail a drive to a beauty spot where the car has to be left unattended for a while. Please do not leave valuables in the vehicle – not even in the glove compartment or boot. They are the first places thieves will look. However, to help combat this type of crime, Operation 'Aim' will commence again in the Spring. The operation has been very successful in the last few years as incidents of theft from vehicles have decreased, but we do not want to get complacent about this and so patrols will continue. Please help us to help you by not leaving your prize possessions in an insecure car.

I suspect a lot of you already receive my monthly newsletter but, if not, and you would like to be included, please call me on 101 so I can take your details. The newsletter is always on the police website: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Search for Winslow and District in the Neighbourhood section and the last three newsletters are available for reading.

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Neighbourhood Watch - TED HADLOW

After many years as our local Neighbourhood Watch representative, Ted Hadlow has decided to hand in his keys of office and resign.

Ted has put a lot of thought and effort into his role and devoted a huge amount of time over the years. All for the benefit of the local community. His sage advice will be missed.

On behalf of the people of Great Horwood I would like to thank Ted for carrying out his role in such a professional manner and for all the help he has given to numerous people over the years.

This means there is a **vacancy** as Great Horwood's Neighbourhood watch representative. If you might consider volunteering for the role, and would like to know more of what it involves, please phone Ted on 713716 or call in at 3 Greenway.

Dean White

W.I News



In March, with a change to our schedule, we welcomed Mary Russell, who told us about her experiences as a navigator in a 2-man microlight. After some interesting technical information, we were shown the layers of clothing necessary to keep warm in an open microlight flying at 1000 feet. We were surprised to learn that maps and features of the landscape are still used to navigate. Then, with a series of slides, we "flew" with Mary on a day trip to Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel. It certainly sounded a super place to visit although most of us felt we would prefer the more conventional mode of transport to get there. A lively Q&A session followed the talk

The next meeting is our popular annual dinner on **Tuesday** 8th April, held at the cricket club. This year the 3-course menu will have a Commonwealth theme. If you would like a ticket (£12 to non-members) please contact Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933 or Angela Mayne 01296 715400.

Our May meeting will be about Lingerie since WW2, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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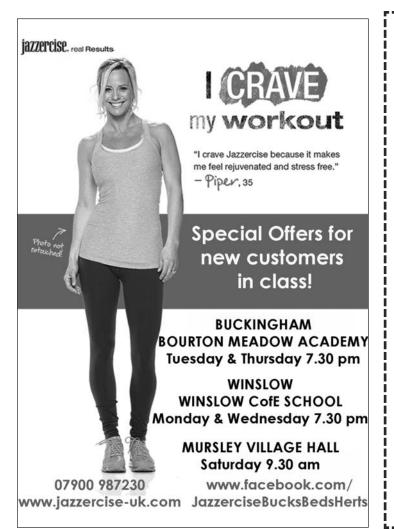
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Tuesday 29th April 7.30pm Village Hall ALL WELCOME

Come along and hear what your Parish Council has been doing in the last 12 months and plans for the next year.

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

John Gilbey Chairman 711915

Karen Francis Clerk 712941





Chairman's Monthly Report Last Meeting - Monday 10th March 2014

Neighbourhood Plan

Our application for additional funding to the value of £4000 was approved and this is being used to pay for the Housing Needs Survey and for 3 additional days work by our consultants.

We have now distributed 2 newsletters to all the households in the parish and had a detailed article in the March edition of Focus explaining the threatening situation with proposed developments in the village.

Depending on the feedback from the community event taking place on the afternoons of Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March the Neighbourhood Planning Team will present a draft plan for approval by the Parish Council at its meeting on 14th April.

In view of legal challenges by developers, there have been concerns that Neighbourhood Plans cannot be produced before plans for the whole district have been approved. However, the Department of Communities and Local Government have issued new guidance on Neighbourhood Plans which contain the following words -

"Neighbourhood plans, when brought into force, become part of the development plan for the neighbourhood area. They can be developed before or at the same time as the local planning authority is producing its Local Plan"

Already agreement has now been reached that the examination of the Winslow Town Neighbourhood Development Plan can go ahead after it was initially delayed by a legal challenge by a large scale developer and this is now scheduled to be held in May.

We are very hopeful that this really means that we can have our Neighbourhood Development Plan accepted and approved in the next few months even though the new district plan now being started on by AVDC will not be completed until mid-year 2016.

We will also have the results of the Housing needs Survey by the time this edition of Focus is published and so we

will know whether there is enough demand for a Rural Exception Housing Scheme in the village to provide some housing for rent or part ownership which is reserved in perpetuity for people with a connection to the village.

So far we are one of only 12 parishes in Aylesbury Vale (out of more than 100) who are in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on the evening of Tuesday 29th April in the village hall at 7.30pm. I will, as usual, be presenting my Chairman's annual report on the activities of the Parish Council over the past year. We will be inviting representatives from all of the voluntary organisations in the parish to attend and each of them will have the opportunity to make a brief presentation

on the activities and plans of their organisation. So please book the date in your diary.

Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club

Cllr. Mayne and I attended the meeting of the Bucks County Council Winslow and District Local Area Forum on Wednesday 12th March. During the meeting applications from member parishes for grants from the local priorities budget were considered and I am pleased to say that the application for a grant for the youth club was approved by the members of the forum. This will enable the youth club to buy in external services for some of its Monday evenings in the financial year April 2014 to March 2015 based on a detailed schedule drawn up for the whole of the year ahead and included with the application for the grant.

Footpaths

Robert Deuchar, our footpath monitor, has advised that a new metal gate has been installed on footpath 9 where it meets Nash Road.

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 14th April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

John Gilbey - Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk

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Tuesday 8th April: Visit St Albans – Verulamium and Cathedral. £10 (travel only)

Thursday 10th April: Westcroft Bus*

Monday 14th April: Bicester Garden Centre. £6

Tuesday 15th April: Asheridge Bluebell Woods with lunch in Aldbury. £8 travel
Tuesday 22nd April: Asheridge Bluebell Woods with lunch in Aldbury £8 travel
Monday 28th April: (change of date) – Henley Woods with pub lunch. £8 travel
Tuesday 6th May: Buckingham Bus. 1 hour Buckingham, 1 hour Tesco*

Thursday 8th May: Westcroft Bus*

Monday 19th May: Buckingham Garden Centre. Free tea/coffee on arrival; 10% off lunch. Travel £3.00

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Wednesday 9th April - Robin Cousins. Ice – skating as you've never seen it. Circle Row F £23.50

Wednesday 23rd April - Tonight's the Night. Rod Stewart musical. £24.00

Wednesday 30th April - Black Coffee. Robert Powell as the new Poirot. £29.50 Stalls Row N
Wednesday 7th May - Dance til Dawn. Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace.Circle Row H £18.50

Wednesday 14th May - Fame. A feel-good triumph. Circle Row J £21.50

Wednesday 28th May - Pygmalion. Classic British drama. Circle Row D £23.50

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Wednesday 2nd July - Singin' in the Rain. A night of sheer delight. Stalls Row D £29.50

Wednesday 3rd Sept: - Top Hat. Circle Row H £34
Wednesday 24th Sept: - The Mousetrap. £24

Wednesday 26th November: - Calamity Jane with Jodi Prenger. £22

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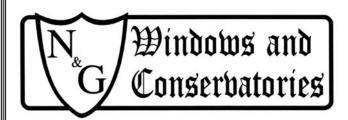
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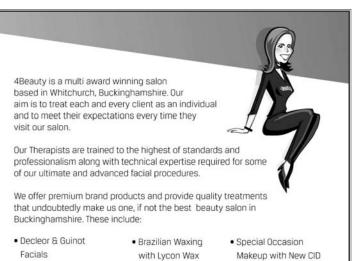
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