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“He is risen” Matthew 28.6

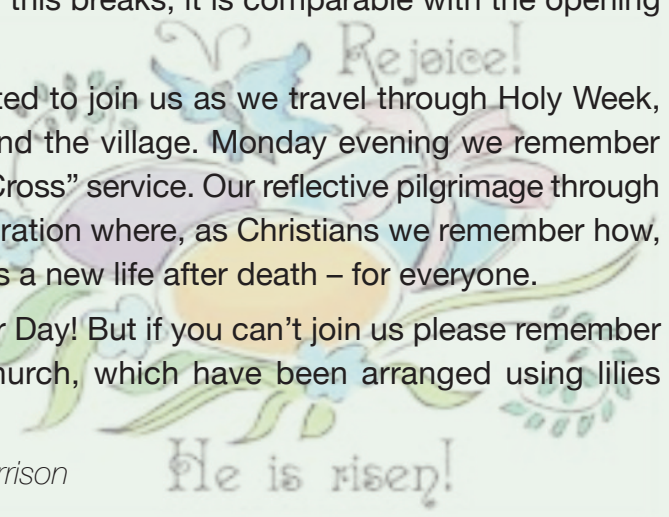
Easter eggs, Easter chicks, Easter flowers, new born lambs in our surrounding fields..... It's hard to imagine Easter happening at any time of the year except spring. For Christians all around the world, Easter is celebrated in ways that remind them of springtime, and of new life, as Jesus rose from the dead. It is this “new life” that Christians celebrate on Easter Sunday – but what has it got to do with Easter eggs?

Even before the time of Jesus, people used to give each other eggs as a springtime gift, as a sign that new life was returning to the world after the cold, dead days of winter. In those days they didn't give chocolate eggs but real ones. For Christians however, the gift of an egg has an extra special meaning. From the outside, an egg looks dead – like a stone, but inside, it contains a new life. So the shell can be likened to the tomb of Jesus; and, when this breaks, it is comparable with the opening of the tomb and the beginning of new life.

On behalf of St. James' church, you are warmly invited to join us as we travel through Holy Week, which starts with our Palm Sunday procession around the village. Monday evening we remember Jesus's journey to his death with our “Stations of the Cross” service. Our reflective pilgrimage through Holy Week ends on Easter Day – a very special celebration where, as Christians we remember how, by rising from the dead, Jesus showed that there was a new life after death – for everyone.

Chocolate eggs can be found in St. James' on Easter Day! But if you can't join us please remember to come and see the beautiful floral displays in church, which have been arranged using lilies purchased in memory of loved ones departed.

June Margerrison



Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Result

The result of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum held on the 5th of March was 447 voted Yes to the plan and 44 voted No: a result of 91% in favour with 9% against and a turnout of 60.2%.

This result means that Aylesbury Vale District Council will use the Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in Great Horwood.



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MONROE: Kitten. 10 months old

He is long haired and the white neck is more like a ruffle now

Went out at 6.45pm on Wednesday 25th Feb evening and hasn't come back.

Never stays out for any length of time.

Can you please check sheds and garages.

If you think you may have spotted him, please contact me and I will come and call him.

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St James' Services for April

5th April	11.00am	Easter Day Family Communion
12th April	11.00am	Come & Praise
19th April	11.00pm	Holy Communion
26th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
26th April	11.00am	Service of the Word

Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
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J Margerrison	C Martin	I Lamberton
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D Brazier	C Finnemore	Clergy

Benefice Services

During Holy Week the following services will take place in the Benefice to which everyone is welcome –

1st April – Compline, St Mary's Church, Addington, 8pm

2nd April – Maunday Thursday Sung Eucharist, St Laurence Church, Winslow, 7.30pm

3rd April – Liturgy for Good Friday, St Laurence Church, Winslow, 2-3pm. St Laurence will also be open for private prayer between 12.00-1.45pm during which quiet music will be played.

Church Key Rota – N Weir tel: 713604

Lent Lunches



The last Lent Lunch for this year will take place on **Wednesday 1st April in St James' Church at 12 noon**. Come and join us for a delicious home-made lunch, including soup, bread and cake. All welcome.

St James' Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting this year will take place on **Sunday 26th April at 12 noon**, after the 11am morning service. Please join us for refreshments and listen to what we have achieved this year in terms of fund-raising, 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 4th July on The Green**. There will be a meeting at The Crown to start preparations on **Thursday 16th 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 the following occasions:

- 2nd February to remember Margaret's passing 2 years ago
- 6th March for the Wedding Anniversary of Helga and Bob Day
- 11th March for Mr Blane

Ian Lamberton

Donation to FOCUS

Thank you to Great Horwood Silver Band for your kind donation to FOCUS..

Dean White



Footpaths – Another Request Please

Following last month's article asking footpath users to stay on the designated path and to pick up (faeces) after their dogs I have one further request...

It concerns the **footpath**

that runs from the top of Nash Road heading to Singleborough (i.e. as you head out of Great Horwood towards Milton Keynes just pass the Taylored Kitchens shop, you turn left onto a footpath that heads west towards Singleborough).

As you leave the road you go along the side of someone's house through their garden. The house and garden are private property but with a right of way through it. Unfortunately, some dog owners – thankfully a minority – let their dogs off their leads when they leave the road and as a result the householder has had dogs running around her garden and, on occasions, even inside her house. She's also had the pleasure of clearing up dog faeces.

REQUEST – Could all dog owners who use that footpath please keep their dog on the lead all the way from the road and only let them off it once they are through the gate into the adjacent field.

Thank you.

Dean White

Horwode Pece: Sunday 29th March from 10am - Spring Tidy up day.

Spring tidy at the Rec: Sunday 29th March we plan - weather permitting - to have a general tidy up, pruning of hedgerows and plants, maintenance day. **ALL HELP GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

If you have your own gardening equipment (pruners etc.) please bring them along. It would be wonderful to have a good turn out of helpers. We will be there from approximately 10am until the work gets done!

Cathy Holland

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The Race is run!!!

The Lions Club of Winslow would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended our Winslow 10k Run in February either as a competitor or as a spectator. Despite extremely cold conditions, we had over 280 competitors take part and we were delighted to see that everyone managed to complete the course without incident.

Huge congratulations to Thomas Curtis and Chloe Oldfield, who won the male and female races. With many competitors' personal bests being broken, it proved to be a hugely successful day. Full results can be found on our website at www.winslowlions.org.uk

We would not be able to hold our 10km Run without the co-operation of Furze Down School, whose cakes and cups of tea proved extremely popular before and after the race. Also many thanks to The Winslow Scout Group who manned the water stations around the course and Martin Nye & Co, for the results production.

You can check out feedback from our run on the Runners World and Run Britain websites as well as the Winslow Lions Twitter and Facebook pages.

With every event we run, all the funds raised are distributed back to worthy causes with the majority going to local charities in and around the areas of Winslow.

If you are interested in finding out more about what we have done in Winslow and the surrounding area, why not attend one of our meetings and you could have fun raising money for charity! All the details of our meetings are on our website.

Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

'Help us to help local charities'

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Great Horwood Silver Band



The band's recent Concert in the Buckingham Community Centre was well attended. The Concert began with the training band conducted by Emma Mainwaring. Emma then presented Daniel Cook with the George Edmans Trophy, and Poppy Mainwaring with the Frank Wilkes Rose Bowl. This was followed by the main band conducted by Simon Martin. Emma also conducted one piece with the main band as did bandmaster Tony Hart.

Solos were well played by Emma Mainwaring, Tony Hart, Vicki Cook and Andrew Cook.

President Len Goodwin presented Paul Lack with the Sid Mould Trophy, and Emma Mainwaring with the Padbury Sick Benefit Society Trophy.

The Band's next Concert will be the Zoe Laborda Memorial Concert which is on **Sunday 29th March at 3pm in the Village Hall Great Horwood**. Entry will be free, there will be a raffle, refreshments and a retiring collection. All proceeds from the concert will be for Zoe's favourite charity Blackberry Farm Animal Shelter Quainton.

The Band are in great demand over the Summer and indeed have five engagements already booked for the Christmas period.

Beryl Lack

Website : www.freewebs.com/greathorwood

Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor



Rural Crime

Are you aware that the British Horse Society has a dedicated reporting page for accidents? It is the only place where statistics are gathered on the following incidents – bird scarers, chinese lanterns, cycling, dog attacks, equine transport, fireworks, gates, low flying aircraft, road accidents/near misses, slippery road surfaces and wind farms.

If you have ever had a problem with any of the above, please consider reporting it. You can find the page by following the link to www.bhs.org.uk/safety-and-accidents/report-an-incident. The more incidents that are reported, the better chance we have of improving the situation.

Internet Safety

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and financially motivated cyber crime, and is run by the City of London Police, working alongside the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau. The specialist team uses information from all of the fraud and cyber crime cases reported to them to create alerts about new types of crime or those which are increasing in severity.

Issues commonly seen are:

- People who call to tell you that there is a problem with your bank card and that they need to collect it from you to fix the problem
- Fraud committed by people selling event/entertainment tickets, weight-loss/teeth whitening drugs, or vehicles online
- Fraud committed by people who cold-call thousands of people in the UK in order to sell them an investment in shares or precious metals, or who want them to invest their pension
- People pretending to be someone they are not in order to persuade your business to send money to a new bank account to pay for an invoice
- The activities of cyber-criminals who want to infect your computer or smartphone in order to steal your banking details or "lock" important files to prevent you from using or viewing them
- Fraudsters who persuade people to pay a fee in advance of receiving a loan, which never appears

All of these can be avoided by following the simple prevention advice which you will be able to find on the Action Fraud website.

Wendy Taylor

W.I News

On Tuesday 10th March, we welcomed Dru Ellis whose talk was entitled "Tales from the Kitchen".



She took us on a journey from 1900 to the present day, focussing on the changing role of women in and out of the home. Sometimes amusing and sometimes more seriously, Dru explained how the housewife's role changed, with particular focus on the two world wars. More personally, we heard about the opportunities open to Dru and the other women in her family, which illustrated the changing attitudes to women who work. Dru herself went to domestic science college, the alternatives open to her being teaching or nursing. Her first job was with the Gas Board which organised courses and demonstrations and had guests such as Marguerite Patten (who was responsible for working out the rationing in WW2) and Fanny Craddock (a showman!)

Dru brought along an interesting collection of domestic items and we all enjoyed looking at the things we remembered from our childhoods.

Our next meeting on 14th April– held at the cricket club – is our popular annual dinner. Non-members are very welcome. Please contact Karen on 01296 712933, or Angela on 715400.

Ann Biggins



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Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum took place in the village hall on Thursday 5th March and there was a steady stream of voters throughout the whole day with the last one casting their vote at 9.55pm. Soon after the polling station closed 9 scrutineers from the parish were allowed in to witness the count and we were very impressed with the careful and professional way that the count was conducted with every ballot paper being checked three times during the process.

When the count was completed we learnt that out of 815 residents registered to vote 491 had actually done so with 87 voting by postal vote. There were no spoiled papers and 447 voted Yes to the plan and 44 voted No. This gave a result of 91% in favour with only 9% against and a turnout of 60.2% which proved to be the highest turnout percentage of any of the 60 neighbourhood referenda that have so far taken place in the whole of England. I was able to thank the Returning Officer and the Polling Station staff for a job well done.

Planning Matters

An application has been made to build 1855 homes on the South side of the A421 and to the East of Whaddon Road and extending South to the currently disused railway line. (15/00314/AOP). Since the last edition we have examined the traffic impact assessment and have agreed to ask AVDC that the area covered by the assessment should be extended to cover Great Horwood and surrounding villages.

A defibrillator for the village

As I am sure many of you will have noted the defibrillator has now been installed on the front wall of the village hall and we are going to have a demonstration of it at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 13th April.

Footpaths

Robert Deuchar reported that *"All the Parish's footpaths and its bridleway have been inspected and pruned between 22nd February and 4th March. There is a new metal pedestrian gate (replacing a stile) on FP5 where it leaves Singleborough Lane just north of the bridge over the stream."*

Devolved Services from BCC

County Councillor John Chilver told us at our meeting of the progress with the devolving of the grass cutting from the County Council to the parishes and gave a list of other services that are available for parishes to take over from the County.

Proposed closure of Winslow Police Office

At our meeting we recognised the importance of having a local police presence and agreed to support Winslow Town Council in its bid to keep the office open by paying for the costs of the office rent and other running costs. We also agreed to make a contribution of up to £1000 if this is necessary.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on **Monday 13th April from 7.30pm in the village hall and all residents are urged to attend.**

We already have confirmation of attendance from the head mistress and chair of governors of Great Horwood School, our County Councillor and an officer from the county and a representative from Thames Valley Police. We also have a number of village organisations that have already promised to attend including St James PCC, the W.I., the Youth Club, the village hall, the Rainbows and we are still hoping more will respond positively to our invitation.

This will, of course, be the final Annual Parish Meeting of the current Parish Council and so if you are planning to stand as a candidate for the Parish Council in May then this is an ideal opportunity to see what goes on in the village and to meet a wide range of people representing different groups within the parish.

Parish Council Elections

These will be held on 7th May at the same time and place as the general election and the election for members of Aylesbury Vale District Council and I am hoping that we can get a full complement of Councillors (maybe even have a vote) for the important work that needs to be done in the next 4 years.

This will include working with the landowners and AVDC in ensuring satisfactory progress on the developments as agreed in our Neighbourhood Plan. Also, as valuable services currently provided by the County and District continue to reduce because financial support from Central Government is cut further, we will need to find alternative ways of providing those services that we think are important for our community.

You will need to submit your nomination paper by 9th April if you wish to stand as a candidate.

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 pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which we always have a public participation period.

The next meeting of the Council will take place in the Village Hall at 6.30pm on **Monday 13th April, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.**

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25th July : The Cantells play at the Swan (tickets in advance from the pub)

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Friday	17th and Sat 18th April	– Aylesbury Market Bus*
Thursday	23rd April	– Westcroft Bus*
Friday	24th and Sat 25th April	– Aylesbury Market Bus
Monday	27th April	– Asda Shopping £4.00
Tuesday	28th April	– Bluebell Run to Coton Manor £8.50 travel (entrance not included.)
Thursday	30th April	– Drive around Ashridge to see the Bluebells and a Pub Lunch. £8.50
Friday	1st and Sat 2nd May	– Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	5th May	– Buckingham Bus*
Friday	8th and Sat 9th May	– Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	12th May	– Visit The Imperial War Museum. £10.00.
Thursday	14th May	– Westcroft Bus*
Friday	15th and Sat 16th May	– Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	19th May	– Visit Greenwich. Take a boat trip down the Thames past all the sights in London, including Houses of Parliament, St Paul's Cathedral, Tower of London, to spend the day as you like in Greenwich. £20.00 includes boat fare.
Friday	22nd and Sat 23rd May	– Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	26th May	– Stock up after the Bank Holiday at Asda! £4.00
Thursday	28th May	– Westcroft Bus*
Friday	29th and Sat 30th May	– Aylesbury Market Bus*

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Wednesday 23rd Sept	Anything Goes. Delightful musical. Circle Rows C/D £30.00

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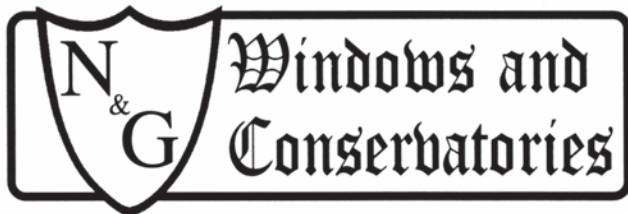
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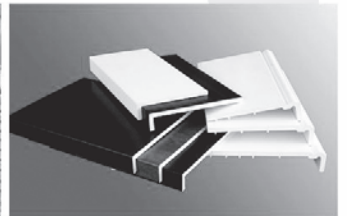
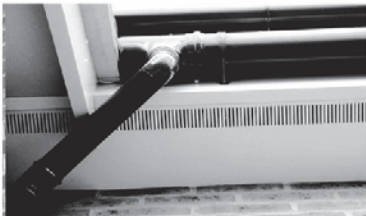
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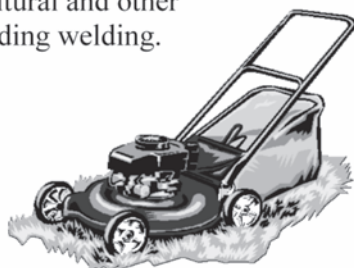
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