

FOCUS

THE INFECTIOUS POWER OF HOPE



Easter Sunday is the day that, for Christians, hope overcomes despair and good triumphs over evil.

Hope is one of my words for the year. We all need a little hope to successfully accomplish the art of living. Hope, I think, is one of those virtues, alongside faith and love, capable of changing things, and always for the good. Hope keeps us positive, or at least provides us with just enough positivity to keep going when all seems dark.

Now I don't know about you but I think that the world needs a little help and it needs ordinary people to remain hopeful. As we learn to live hopeful lives the world around us changes. Hope, just like faith and love, is positively infectious. Hope, doesn't necessarily change the present, and it certainly doesn't erase the past, but it does, and can change, the future. The cross is the greatest symbol of hope.

Let me finish with a quote from Martin Luther King. It is a quote that acknowledges the reality of pain, suffering, distress and injustice whilst continuing to insist that things can, and will, get better: ***'We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.'***

In Christ, Andrew



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8th April	11.00am	Come and Praise	P Moyles	D Brazier	S Brazier
15th April	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	J Brigden	I Lamberton
22nd April	11.00am	Come and Share	N Weir	C Finnemore	Clergy
29th April	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison

Church Key Rota: April - I Lamberton tel 715968

May - D Moore tel 713281

Easter Day Family Communion

Please join us as we celebrate the joy of Easter at 11.00am on Sunday 1st April. As is our tradition, chocolate eggs will be given to all children after the service. All welcome.



St James' Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting this year will take place on Sunday 29th April at 12.00 noon, after the 11am service. Please join us for refreshments and listen to what we have achieved this year in terms of fundraising and fun social events. All welcome.



Calling all knitters

Further to our previous mention in Focus our Art and Craft Group thought it would be nice to 'bomb' the village with handmade poppies in November for the WW1 Commemorations.



These could be knitted, crocheted or made of any waterproof material to be attached to walls, fences and hedges.

If you feel you could help or donate red wool etc. please give me a call on 715331 or call in to our meetings, every Friday, 9am 'til noon

Liz Nicholls

Great Horwood Village Hall

Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30 Post Office and coffee morning. Come and have a chat and a coffee or tea, pay your bills, get cash back, post your letters and parcels at the Post Office. A really friendly morning amongst fellow villagers.



Friday 9.00 - 12.00 Art and Craft Group.

We all tend to do our own thing which can be a mixture of art and craft. Craft includes knitting, sewing, crochet, papercraft and any other project that takes our fancy. Visitors are always welcome so why not come and see what we do.

The Village Hall is a great place to hold your parties and meetings. We also hire out our tables and chairs.

Any enquires about any of above items please Gill on 01296 712165.

Gill Wood

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Lighting up the Church

he church Tower was lit:

on the 11th March for Mr Blane

on the 28th March in memory of Joan Birrell.



Ian Lmberton

Missing Cat

Our black and white cat has been missing since last Sunday. We think he may be locked up in someone's shed or garage in GH. Please can people look and contact us if you have any news. Thanks

Nigel Heywood, 2A Spring Lane.



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At our March meeting we were treated to a talk by George Clark who is a portrait painter.

He trained in Florence for three years and paints in the traditional style using powders he grinds himself. He took us through a brief history of portraiture with slides and had brought some of his own, very accomplished, paintings to show us.

Our meeting in April will be our Annual Dinner where members plan to wear the colours of the Suffragettes.

We will be displaying a table at the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April and providing the refreshments so please come along and enjoy some home made cakes.

If you would like to come to a meeting you would be very welcome. Please contact Angela Mayne: 715400 or Monica; 711915

A chest of drawers FOR SALE:

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We'd like to give a big thanks to the steering group, Cathy Holland, Nicola Booker, and Sarah Samways for making the Fill A Bag a success.

Additional thanks to Brenda Robertson and Lindsay Dunham for the donated homemade cakes, finally how great to see our own Jeanne Marshall, an original founder of the Horwode Pece working alongside Cathy's Mum Pat looking after the raffle table.

We were very well supported with good quality items to sell, but not quite as busy on the day as we hoped. Having said that, thanks to other means, with help from Aly Taylor all the items were sold, and we made a profit of £187.

But that's not all, THE CROWN made a donation of £215, AWESOME! So, a grand total of £402 has been added to the pot for us to fill up the Great Horwood sky with colour on November 3rd.

A very grateful

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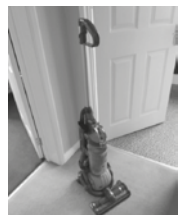
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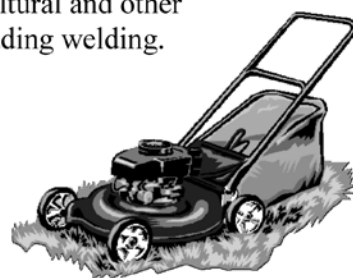
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Parish Council

Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting – Monday 12 March 2018

It's good that the days are lengthening and that Spring seems, even if somewhat fitfully to be on its way! Things seem to be on the move in the village as well. The development of the Horwood Mill site is underway with the demolition of the old feed mill in full swing as I write. The Parish Council is trying to ensure that the demolition – and indeed future construction work – is carried out as safely as possible in accordance with the approved documentation and all regulations so as to minimise risk and disruption to residents. Please note that construction vehicles are not allowed to use Spring Lane. If you see a lorry trying to access the site along Spring Lane, please make a note of the date, time and if possible the registration number and let the Parish Council know. The proposed development South of Little Horwood Road is also moving forward in a preliminary fashion and, the developer is planning to start construction in the autumn. We understand that some archaeological work is the next likely event on this site.

Now that the days are longer and the weather (hopefully) a little warmer, the Speedwatch team are planning to be out and about in the village. A new Sentinel camera has been purchased by the Winslow and District Local Area Forum (WADLAF) and will be kept in Great Horwood but available for loan to other parishes in the area. The Parish Council is very grateful to WADLAF for enabling this purchase and to Cllr John Gilbey for his advocacy on our behalf.

I mentioned last month that nothing much seemed to be happening in relation to the local plan, VALP. We now know that it was submitted to the government for examination on 28 February. The date of the Examination is not yet known but it is known that it will be carried out by Paul Clark BA MA MRTPI from the Planning Inspectorate. This is of interest to Great Horwood as he was the Inspector in the Inquiry into the proposed development at Weston Road. Details of the process, and the thousands of comments received on the draft VALP can be seen on the AVDC website at <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/valp-examination>

The proposals for the reorganisation of local government are also moving on. Unexpectedly on 12 March the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, announced that he was 'minded' to implement the proposal to replace the existing five district councils with a single unitary authority covering the whole county of Buckinghamshire (the County Council proposal) rather than create two unitary authorities (the District Councils proposal). Before he makes a final decision, he has allowed until 25 May for residents and stakeholders to make representations to him at the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Great Horwood Parish Council favoured the two unitary proposals as it was thought that this would cater in a more effective and appropriate way for the disparate communities of the north and south of the county and would allow more local involvement in decision-making and thus lead to greater democratic accountability and ownership.

For a more comprehensive report of the recent 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 the Clerk or any Councillor. We are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which there is always a public participation period. The next meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 April 2018 in the Village Hall.

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No - I am not going to stop until such times as we see progress! Please spread the word - nicely. The Parish Council asks that residents using the public pavement for parking allow plenty of room for its primary user - **the pedestrian**. I will re-re-mention that white lines on village roads are there for a reason and parking on them is inconsiderate to other road users. Common sense and consideration are needed to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Please remember to park thoughtfully in the village. Thank you.



SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Progress with attracting volunteers for speed watch. No new volunteers as yet. If you worry about cars speeding through the village, this is how you can help.



Great Horwood now hosts a sentinel video camera so we have easy access to equipment. Thames Valley Police do act on our reports and send letters to offenders. Repeat offenders are visited. If you can help, please call Jane Holland on 01296 715704 or email jhghpc@icloud.com. It only takes an occasional hour and the kit is simple to assemble and use.

SPRING LANE ROAD JUNCTION

The junction of Spring Lane and Winslow Road has been a source of Parish Council correspondence for at least 30 years. The powers that be have been unable to provide any permanent solutions to the problems raised. The white lines that were painted are consistently ignored by a small number of drivers and our other suggestions to Bucks County Council turned down. The Parish Council has commissioned an independent consultant to undertake a junction survey to see whether improvements (if any) can be made. Measurements have been taken, an assessment of the visibility splays made and a traffic count monitor was in place for a period of seven days. We hope there will be a report available for the next PC meeting in April.



POTHOLES

There are a number of cracking potholes on village roads. I report some through the Bucks County Council website (<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-It-Pothole.aspx>) but I can't report them all. Unfortunately, urban roads have a higher priority but BCC may take more notice if there are repeat requests for the same pothole from GH. Please don't just look at it - report it to BCC. You will be asked for a rough size and depth. Photos are also a good idea. Thank you.



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

I have been asked to re-re-mention abandoned dog poo by a resident. The whole of Great Horwood and its surrounding lanes is a pooper scooper zone!!! It is so easy to do.

GHPC thanks responsible owners for helping us to get value for money from our super pooper scooper service. The service is there so we ask the small minority of inconsiderate owners to follow the example of the majority and use it. Young children can be very un-discerning when it comes to



"mud". Please don't leave doggie droppings in fields either. Livestock can pick up diseases.

Compulsory microchipping is already with us and doggie DNA testing may be the next step. Winslow Town Council is reminding residents that offenders (whom they call "dirty dogs") face fines of £1000 if caught abandoning poo. It is cool to pick up your poo and your local pet shop can supply some very fancy bags. Supermarkets supply bio-degradable bags for one penny each or less. Poo is also Green as it gets burned in the local incinerator to provide electricity meaning the more poo scooped the better.

We very rarely see stray dogs these days which means there is always an owner responsible for each pile.

GREATMOOR ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY

Have you thought of visiting the Greatmoor Energy from Waste Facility? It holds regular Open Days, offering an opportunity for visitors who are not members of organised groups. There are four Open Saturdays each year with 3 tours on each day. From July to November there is also a midweek Open Day with a single morning tour, near to the beginning of the month. Spaces on all tours are limited and available strictly by pre-booking only. There is a minimum age of 12 on Open Days. Places can be booked on the website <http://www.greatmoor.co.uk/contact-us/> or by ringing 01296 323633. This is also the number on which to arrange school and community visits.



HEDGES

As spring is officially upon us it is getting rather late to think about hedge trimming due to the bird nesting season. However, please do have a good look at any hedges that overhang pavements and roads to make sure they are not impeding pedestrians and traffic. This is especially important if the hedges are spikey. Under devolution responsibilities, GHPC can ask you to cut back your hedge if it is deemed to be a hazard.



THAMES VALLEY POLICE ALERT - False claims of Telephone Preference Service:

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- Always be wary of providing personal information, or confirming that personal information the caller already claims to hold is correct. Always be **certain** that you know who you talking to. If in doubt hang up immediately.

If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND



The band's annual concert took place in the Buckingham Community Centre on 10th March. The concert began with pieces from the training band conducted by Emma Mainwaring. Junior member cornet player Rhys Watkins was presented with the Frank Wilkes Rose Bowl.

They were then followed by the main band conducted by Musical Director Clive Keech who took the band on a musical tour with music through Europe, New Zealand, America and the Caribbean. Tony Hart and ex-conductor Simon Martin played Spanish eyes and Tony later teamed up with Emma Mainwaring to play Swiss ländler. The programme also included Marching with Souza the Caliph of



Rhys Watkins

Bagdad, Jamaica Rumba and Hine Hine. The programme ended with A Strauss Cocktail and Radetzky March.

After the interval Band President Michael Brocklehurst presented Clare Tring with the Sid Mould Trophy and Andrew Cook with the Padbury Benefit Trophy.

The band has already been engaged to play for three engagements in June including the North Buckinghamshire County Show in Singleborough, at Lord Herewood Wakes Estate in Courteenhall, Northants and Thornton College Fete.

You can visit our website to get the latest news and photos on www.greathorwoodband.com

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Clare Tring, Michael Brocklehurst and Andrew Cook

ASH DIE BACK

Ash Die Back

I am sure that you will have heard of Ash die back or Chalara. It reached MK a year or so ago, and now it is here -- at its early stages with some saplings showing dieback -- Chalara hits the youngest the hardest.

Given the make up of local woods and hedgerows, within a year or so we are really going to notice. Scientists believe that up to 95% of Ash will be lost. This article gives you an idea of how quickly it has got a hold in Kent.

<http://www.trojantreecare.co.uk/our-blog/ash-dieback-in-kent-spreading-much-faster-than-expected>

There is no cure -- but there is a preventative.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQoJY1wjTDA>

Since this programme was made, a firm using German technology, a geo-injector, has been injecting mature and veteran Ash, direct into the root system and with good results. So good in fact, Prince Charles has had them at work in the Royal Estates. There is no guarantee, but this is the best, and perhaps only protection at the moment that can be afforded. Having spoken to the specialists, they would be prepared to come and inject notable Ash veterans in our Parish. If we have four or five local landowners who care enough about their Ash trees we could do this quite reasonably, certainly for less than it would cost to fell the trees when dead.

Nationally they are also selecting five veteran candidates which they will do for free - villagers might like to nominate one. You will remember the dread Dutch Elm Disease. I am afraid that this will be far, far worse. But we can locally do our bit, but will need to move fast.

Anyone who is interested is most welcome to contact me.

Mark Seddon

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Ash die back in College Wood



Mature Ash tree in Singleborough



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Tuesday 10th April	- Visit Thame, market and town shopping. £5.00
Thursday 12th April	- Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc
Monday 16th April	- Asda and MK1 Shopping. £4.00.
Tuesday 17th April	- Buckingham Garden Centre - free tea or coffee on arrival, 10% off lunch. £3.50 travel.
Thurs 19th April	- Local lunch at The Black Boy Oving. 2 courses plus tea or coffee £20.00 or choose from main menu. £4.00 travel.
Thursday 26th April	- Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc
Mon 30th April	- Lunch n Drive Chilterns - hopefully catch the Bluebells! £6.00

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Circle H £24.50 22/2/18

Wed 23rd May - The Case of the Frightened Lady all star cast to be announced - a chilling complex thriller directed by Roy Marsden. Circle B £32.50 22/2/18

Wed 4th July Love from a Stranger Agatha Christie's rarely seen thriller in a brand new production designed by Mike Britton. Stalls D £29.50 22/2/18

Wed 11th July An Officer and a Gentleman -the musical. Many 80's classics 'Up Where We Belong', 'Girls Just Want to Have Fun', etc
Circle J £38.00 22/2/18

Wed 18th July - Flashdance starring Strictly Joanne Clifton --Circle D £29.50

Wed 26th September 2018! War Horse - Circle D £50.00

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These MUST be booked well in advance. They average about 3hrs running time with intervals. Start time:6.30pm, 7pm or 7.15pm.

Per show: Adults: £28.00 Seniors: £26.00 door to door service.

Programme

- Wed 4th April - ROH Macbeth Verdi's opera inspired by Shakespeare's tragedy is conducted by Antonio Pappano, with a magnificent cast including Anna Netrebko, Željko Lučić and Ildebrando D'Arcangelo.
- Wed 11th April -RSC 's Macbeth Stratford-upon-Avon - contemporary production of Shakespeare's darkest psychological thriller marks both Christopher Eccleston's RSC debut and the return of Niamh Cusack. Thursday 3rd May -Royal Ballet - Manon Kenneth MacMillan's powerful telling of Manon and Des Grieux's tragic love is a masterpiece of modern ballet, set to music by Massenet.
- Thurs 10 May - National Theatre Live - Macbeth Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy, directed by Rufus Norris (The Threepenny Opera, London Road), will see Rory Kinnear (Young Marx, Othello) and Anne-Marie Duff (Oil, Suffragette) return to the National Theatre.
- Wed 16th May -An American In Paris -from London's West End this breathtakingly beautiful Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, inspired by the Oscar winning MGM film, tells the impassioned story of discovering love in the 'City of Light'.
- Tuesday 5th June - Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Husband -A new production of the Rolls-Royce of English comedies will be broadcast live to cinemas from the Vaudeville Theatre in London's West End.
- Tuesday 12th June - Swan Lake The Royal Ballet presents a new production of Tchaikovsky's magnificent classical ballet, with additional choreography by Liam Scarlett and designs by John Macfarlane.
- Tuesday 9th October - Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest, A new production of one of the funniest plays in English, will be broadcast live to cinemas from the Vaudeville Theatre in London's West End.

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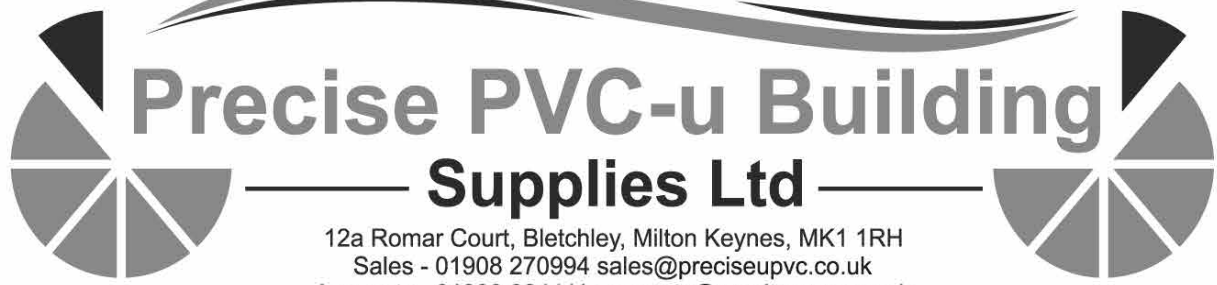
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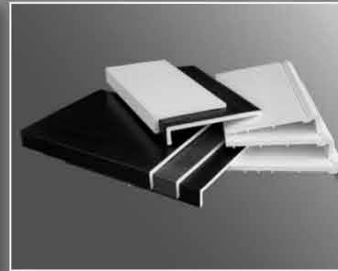
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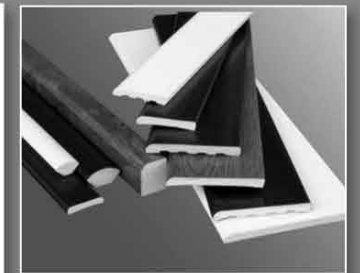
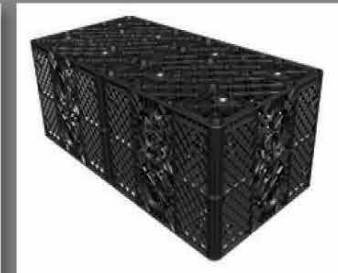
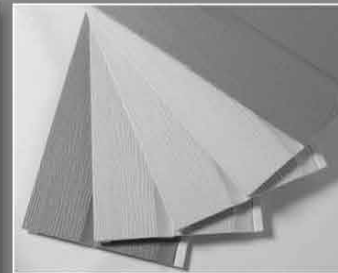
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