

APRIL

2019



## HOLY WEEK IS THE CHURCH'S GREATEST WEEK



It is great because it is the week which reaches its' epic climax on Easter Sunday; the day on which the church declares to proclaim that evil, hatred, injustice and death lose. Easter Sunday is the day on which the church celebrates the fact that faith, hope and love always have the last say.

Easter is the good news story and doesn't the world need a good news story?

Of course earlier in Easter Week (also known as Holy Week) everything seems bleak. Jesus is to enjoy one 'last supper' with his friends before he is betrayed, rejected and abandoned. Many people, I suspect, feel betrayed, rejected and abandoned. Easter, therefore, isn't just a divine story but a human story.

As a parish priest I find Holy Week to be my hardest week. It is a week that makes me confront the existence of real and enduring hardship and evil, but in the faith and hope that they will never have the last word.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are days that quite literally move me to tears, but they are necessary days, for without them we really would have nothing to shout about come Easter Day; the church's greatest day.

Can I encourage you to come and join us at St. James during Holy Week for Stations of the Cross on Monday evening (8 pm.), the Maundy Thursday Eucharist (6:30 pm.), and Easter Day Eucharist (11 a.m).

All are welcome as we celebrate the church's greatest week.

*By Rev'd Andrew Lightbown,*

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A friend was asked "On how many Sundays a month is there actually a service nowadays at St James?" The answer is **every Sunday** and not just through the Easter period. We are a thriving church family and would love to welcome you to any of our services. Equally we are happy for prayer requests to be left during the week for us to include in our Sunday services. Andrew is our Minister and we have a team of people who are willing and able to make house visits if you would prefer a member of the church to come to you.

## St James' Services for April

			Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
7th April	11.00am	Family Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
14th April	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service	P Moyles	C Finnemore	Clergy
15th April	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	-	-	-
18th April	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	-	-	-
21st April	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion	I Lamberton	D Brazier	I Lamberton
28th April	11.00am	Come and Share	N Weir	J Brigden	Clergy

**Church Key** – April - Zahra Hanson tel - 713406. May - Ian Lamberton - tel - 715968

## Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will continue to be served on Wednesdays up to 17th April. Come and join us in the Village Hall for delicious home made soup and bread with cake and tea or coffee to follow. Lunches are served from 12 noon. All welcome.

## Palm Sunday Service

Our Palm Sunday service will start as usual with a Procession of Palms around the village. We will meet at the bottom of Willow Road at 10.15am. You are welcome to join us at any point along the way, or at St James' for the start of the service at 11.00am where palm crosses will be distributed. There will be no breakfast served at St James' before this service.

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross service is held on the Monday of Holy Week, 15th April at 8.00pm. It is a short reflective service of readings and prayer. All welcome.

## Maundy Thursday Service

Our Mandy Thursday Service is a very special service when we strip the altar of its cloths to reveal the bare wood underneath. The altar will remain like this until Easter. Please join us at 6.30pm as we look forward to Easter. All welcome.

## Easter Lilies

As many of you will know, St James' is decorated at Eastertime with lilies which can be purchased in memory of a loved one. The cost this year is £3 per lily or £7.50 for three lilies. If you would like to do so, please complete the Memory List at the back of the Church and give any monies to June Margerrison at 5 Wigwell Gardens or Sue Brazier at 17 The Close. Please note that the deadline is Friday 12th April, so that the lilies can be ordered in good time for Easter.

## Easter Day Family Communion

Please join us as we celebrate the joy of Easter at 11.00am on Sunday 21st 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 28th 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.

## Lighting of the Church Tower

The Church was lit on the 26th February to mark Tom Brazier's 21st Birthday and on the 16th March in memory of Gerry Michalski

*Ian Lamberton*

## Great Horwood Village Hall

The activities that go on in the village hall every month are.

**Second Mondays** the Parish Council hold their monthly meeting in the evening.

**Second Tuesday** the Women's Institute meet in the evening.

**Every Wednesday** we have the Post Office and coffee morning. Then in the evening the Silver Band have their practice session.

**Thursday** is Pilates in the morning and Whist on alternative Thursdays.

**Friday** is the Art and Craft morning they are a small group of people who enjoy meeting every week. They cover a wide range of activities from painting, drawing, paper craft, knitting, sewing and crochet. Visitors are very welcome.

**Saturday** there is a Tai Chi class and hopefully a beginner class will be starting soon.

If any of the above activities have tempted you either drop in or call Gill on 01296 712165 and I will pass on your enquiries.



<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Furze Down School</b>	<b>Dance Mixx</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Furze Down School</b>	<b>Dance Mixx</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Furze Down School</b>	<b>Dance Mixx</b>

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We desperately need some adults to volunteer to help with the Great Horwood Girlguiding units or we won't be able to continue offering girls the fun and challenging experiences that they currently enjoy.

I need an adult as soon as possible to help me with Brownies on Monday evenings 5.45-7.15pm and another to help me with Guides also on Mondays 7.30-9.00pm – or one amazing person to help me with both - please. It would be lovely to have an Assistant Leader for each unit but I can run each unit just with a Unit Helper. Unit Helpers can be female or male aged 18+ with no upper age limit and must be willing to submit to criminal record checks. You don't have to organise activities or do any paperwork – just come along every week.

We also need a lady who is happy to train and take over from Becky Porter as Rainbow Leader. Becky isn't planning to leave Rainbows but she needs to hand over main responsibility to someone else because of her other commitments. Rainbows meet on Wednesdays 5.00-6.30pm.

Volunteering with Girlguiding is rewarding and fun. The girls are endlessly inventive and entertaining and you'll enjoy every minute. If you'd like to find out more, please contact me on 01296 712034, 07501 636037 or claremartin71@btinternet.com. Thank you. *Clare Martin*

### From Great Horwood C of E School

## Internet Safety

In Year 6 at Great Horwood CE Primary we have been looking at internet safety and how to remain safe whilst being online.

Here are some tips...

### Passwords

Your password is the key component in preventing hacking, viruses and keeping your personal data secure.

### Communication

When communicating with online friends you must be careful that they are who you think they are because unfortunate events have happened before.

### Reporting

When using some games you can press a symbol which then triggers an investigation on the reported being.

## WI News

We had a very lively meeting this month. Stacey Young came to tell us about her paper cutting skills. They were very impressive and we then had a go ourselves which was perhaps not quite so! But several of us achieved a paper cut and made cards to take home. It was very enjoyable and absorbing. And luckily the box of plasters remained unopened!

We had reports about recent outing to the Bowls Club and a Science and Discovery day. We are soon going to the theatre, a visit to The Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Thenford gardens. The year ahead is looking busy.

Our next meeting is our annual dinner where our members enjoy a two course meal with wine and lots of chatter!

If you would be interested in coming long to a meeting please contact Angela Mayne on [angela.mayne@googlemail.com](mailto:angela.mayne@googlemail.com) 01296 715400

## Great Horwood Silver Band

The band are now busy rehearsing for the Spring and Summer season.

We welcomed Deran Taylor who has just joined the band on Bb Bass. Deran is obviously a fast learner as he has only been playing bass for a few weeks and is already playing in the band, where he joins his mother Sharon, who plays baritone.

We also welcome Michael Hotard on Bass trombone. Michael has played tenor trombone some time ago and is now trying out the bass trombone. We look forward to them both playing out with the band in the summer.

Our young learner Rhys, has progressed so well he is sitting in and playing with the main band on Wednesday evenings now.

Tony Hart has been conducting the band since our last Musical Director had to leave due to ill health.

We welcome players and learners, if you are interested in joining us you would be most welcome. You can visit our website on [www.greathorwoodband.com](http://www.greathorwoodband.com) to read our news and forthcoming engagements.

We were pleased to be able to send a cheque of £100 donation to Focus in appreciation of their work.

Best regards

*Beryl 01908 510809*

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**Great Horwood and Singleborough History**  
**'Singleborough in the News' from the GH website**

by Clare Martin

A search of early newspapers yields all sorts of little snippets of local history that would otherwise be forgotten. Here are a few Singleborough residents who hit the 19th-century papers:

One evening in January 1827, William Bastock was riding home to Singleborough from Great Horwood when his horse slipped, throwing William into a deep ditch and landing on top of him. William lay trapped under the full weight of his horse for two hours before his cries for help were heard but he and his horse were both rescued without significant injury.

On 8 June 1839, the Northampton Mercury reported that there were then three people living under the same roof in Singleborough whose combined ages totalled 280 years. One was the landlady and the others a married couple, her tenants. This was at a time when average life-expectancy in England was under 45 years.

In August 1839, Singleborough farmer, Thomas Mills visited The Plough pub in Winslow reportedly carrying £20 (approx. £1,200 today) in his purse. Two respectably dressed men, claiming to be 'gentlemen on a spree', engaged him in conversation, plied him with alcohol, offered to lease a farm to him and then gave him £10 for himself or charitable purposes. As he put the money into his purse, the men expressed concern that he didn't wrap it securely. Thomas allowed them to wrap all his money in

brown paper and put it back into his purse for him. The men invited Thomas to dinner at The Bell but, when he arrived, he discovered that no one matching their description was staying there. Only then did he check his purse. All his money was gone.

Thomas Mills was a victim of crime again in July 1844 when one of his horses was stolen. He started a hue and cry to spread news of the theft from town to town until the horse and the thief were discovered a fortnight later in Salisbury. George Smith of Great Horwood was found guilty of the crime and sentenced to 10 years' transportation. Hearing his sentence, Smith addressed the judge, "Thank you sir; I have been there before, and shall be glad to get out of the country."

On 10th August 1852 Samuel Ridgway and William Harrup were ploughing on the farm of Thomas Jones in Singleborough when lightning struck. The 'team of three horses were by the electric fluid struck to the ground'. Ploughman, Samuel Ridgway, was knocked down and severely shaken and driver, William Harrup, escaped unharmed but the horses lay cold and motionless, as if dead, for about 15 minutes. Astonishingly, the horses then revived and the men were able to lead them back to the homestead – slowly because the horses were weak and trembling and kept falling over.

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#### WELCOME TO THE NEW CLERK

The Parish Council would like to offer a warm welcome to James McCafferty who will be taking over as the new Parish Clerk. Many of you will already know him and his musical and singing talents as part of the singing duo "Cantlos". James can be reached on the usual email address (clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk). Further contact details will be published in the May edition of Focus. His official handover date is 31st May but he will be very involved before this date.

#### GOODBYE TO JANE

Jane Holland has resigned from the Parish Council. The PC thanks her for all her hard work and enthusiasm especially with the litter pick and Horwode Pece. She will continue as a member of the Horwode Pece Management Committee.

#### LITTLE HORWOOD ROAD CLOSURE

Permission is being sought for a road closure on Little Horwood Road (between Weston Road and The Close) for sewage connection works. The requested dates are between 8th and 26th April and, if approved, that section of the road will be completely closed for the whole period. This will particularly affect Townsend Cottages and The Close in terms of access into the village and residents will have to take a diversion via the Nash Rd roundabout.

#### EARLY REMINDER HORWOOD FEAST

The Horwood Feast dates for 2019 have been approved. The fair will arrive on Saturday 4th August and leave on Tuesday 7th August, and will be open for business on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th August. A GH Silver Band concert and hog roast is planned on the Sunday. Residents' views both positive and negative were carefully considered before approving these dates, together with representations from the Feast organisers for making the Feast viable.

#### PLANNING

I have been contacted by residents about local planning rumours. The only response I can give is to refer residents to the planning report that is attached to all Parish Council Minutes. These can be found on the Parish Council website under "Minutes of Meetings". There is currently a substantial list as resolution of applications can be slow, especially for larger projects such as new developments. GHPC are "consultees" on all applications affecting the village but the final decision is made by AVDC. The system is –

AVDC advises new applications. These are passed to the planning committee (Cllrs Caroline Cousin, Jackie Goss, John Gilbey and Angela Mayne). Their comments are then passed back to AVDC.

#### HONEY BEE SWARMS

Our native honey bees are under extreme stress and their

chances of survival in the wild are 20%. It is 60% if the swarm is collected and housed in a hive by a beekeeper. Whilst the chances of seeing one locally are probably slim, the PC is informed annually of the hotline number which is: MBBKA Swarm Hotline, 07770370132 or Brian Bush, Mid Bucks Beekeepers and BBKA Swarm Officer, BBKA British Bee Keepers Association website <http://www.bbka.org.uk>

#### POT HOLES IN THE HIGH STREET

Repairs to pot holes in the High Street do not last as long as anybody would like. They have again been reported to Bucks County Council Transport for Bucks but if residents would like to add their weight to the request then the easiest way is to do this is by going to the website [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). It is as easy as filling in the simple online form. Photos are also a good idea.

#### STREET LIGHTS

A quick reminder – Great Horwood street lights were purchased by the Parish Council with a long term loan. All requests for repairs should, therefore be directed to the Clerk. Neither AVDC nor Bucks County Council have any responsibility for them. Thank you.

#### HORWOOD CHERRIES

The Grainge family grow cherries on the Little Horwood Road and provide produce to local Farm Shops and Farmer's Markets. They hope to have a slightly larger yield in 2019 and have permission to place a small hand cart on The Green during the growing season. Cherries will be ready to sell towards the end of June for about five weeks. Mrs Grainge plans a small 'hand cart' type stand to put the cherries on (something aesthetically pleasing) and an honesty box that people place their money into. These would be removed daily and not left out overnight.

#### FOOTPATH GATES

GHPC is providing grants for three new kissing gates on the local footpath network. It is always difficult to describe exactly where gates will be in a few words but one (on footpath 2 - The North Bucks Way) will replace a rotting stile. The other two will be on footpath 5 and help to tidy up the look of the area by removing an unnecessary stile and burying some electric fence cabling. Two of the stiles will be built by the Ramblers Association with a BOGGOFF offer – buy one gate, get one free. Sincere thanks go to Mr Robert Deuchar for helping the PC to identify problem stiles. Robert is currently walking all the village footpaths to check for problems – what a star!

#### RECYCLING CENTRE CHARGES

The Yonder Slade recycling centre will, in common with all sites in Buckinghamshire, start to introduce charges for non-household waste from 1st April 2019. A list of charges will be placed on the GHPC website and on the noticeboard in the High St. Further details can also be found on the Bucks CC website [www.buckscc.gov.uk/HRC](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/HRC)

#### NASH ROAD MVAS

A new fixing (called a ground screw) has been dug in place on Nash Road. This has enabled the Mobile Vehicle Activated



Sign (MVAS) to be placed there to monitor traffic in the 40 mph zone. Thanks go to Mick Wood for his help in making this possible. Mick is doing a brilliant job supervising the MVAS and monitoring traffic on behalf of Great Horwood with his safety officer, wife Gill. His statistics show that of 17,217 counts, approximately two thirds of vehicles were driving at or below 40mph and the other third at between 40 and 55 mph. This was lower than Mick was expecting and means that Winslow Road remain the village's most problematic in terms of speeding. If anyone would like a copy of the statistics, please contact the Clerk.

**WORTHY CAUSES**

The application form for the 2019 round of Worthy Causes grants will be available from May. They can be obtained from the Parish Clerk. Early access to grant forms will ensure that applicants have plenty of time to consider their requests before the deadline of 31st October 2019. Please note that, this year, no applications will be considered if they arrive after the deadline. Up to £3000 will be available for distribution to local groups.

Mandy Cliffe

Parish Clerk Great Horwood

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**Annual Parish Meeting 2019**



We will be holding the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Great Horwood Parish Council

It is more than 4 years now since we voted by a large majority for the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan and we can now see the first of the 3 developments included in the plan taking shape.

So Richard Veitch the Site Manager for Croudace Homes will be coming to the meeting to explain the details of the development and to answer any questions that you may have.

We will also be able to welcome Robert Webb who represents the landowners of the other Neighbourhood Plan site in Little Horwood Road who can explain the details of the Outline Planning Application that has been approved by AVDC.

We will also hear about the plan to further develop the farm known as Eastfields farm where part of it is already used for the Horwood Cherries orchard and the rest is going to be developed for a herd of suckling cattle.

Amongst other topics that we hope to include is a visit by the new landlords of The Swan to tell us about their plans for the future and some information on funding for the next phase of the village hall refurbishment.

Finally we need to consider a formal review of the Neighbourhood Plan and so we will looking for interested residents to join a newly formed "Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee."

Cllr. John Gilbey

Acting Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council

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**GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

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Members of the Parish Council :

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NB, Mr James McCafferty has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk. His handover began on 1st March 2019  
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**Horwood Pece**

Over the last few weeks we have seen further damage down the Rec. This takes two forms; the first is a large section of the teenage surround deliberately kicked off and the second is damage to the cross beams of the shelter and some of the seats and benches caused by an animal gnawing at the wood. A man with a large dog, possibly a Rottweiler, was seen down the Rec. The dog was not on a lead and was seen gnawing at the shelter woodwork. The man was using his mobile phone and ignoring what the dog was doing. With regards to the deliberate vandalism of the log surround around the Teenage area, this is difficult to repair. In kicking off the log surround, three of the posts that fix them into the ground have been damaged and need to be removed and replaced with new posts. As a temporary measure we have removed the damaged log surround timbers.

We will be carrying out our Spring Working Party (date to be confirmed) where we hope to be addressing the option to replace the woodchip in the Toddler Area with Recycled tyre rubber chippings. We have been offered help from the Scouts which should work towards their Community badge. We would love some more adults to enter into the Community Spirit and come and help us with this large project. With the added work of repairing the Teenage log surround we really do need your help. Please contact John Nicholls, 8 The Green to volunteer, thank you. Apart from the very few, there are a great many within the villages of Great Horwood and Singleborough that appreciate and respect our Rec, we work very hard to keep it a great open place for everyone.

Cathy Holland, Rec Committee

**WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY**

Your local art society is springing into action for 2019

At the End of February we had Alan Chown come to visit us for a demonstration evening. We were treated to a pen and watercolour picture of a seaside fishing boat hauled up on the beach at Aldburgh. We had a lot of audience discussion and a very pleasant evening.

Our next speaker is Mark Fennel and while he may well have given his demonstration – on March 28th – when you receive this, if you are in time, you will be very welcome to join us to see him show us pet portraiture in acrylics. Non members of the Society are always welcome to our monthly demonstration evenings for a small single meeting charge.

Our members are working on pictures to exhibit at the end of May at our 2019 Spring Exhibition at the Winslow Public Hall ( Saturday May 25th through to Bank Holiday Monday May 27th ). We should have between 100 and 150 original works of art for sale, together with a few selected craft stalls showing members other work. There will also be members demonstrating their painting skills and talking to visitors about what they are doing. We have plans to include a display of work by local schoolchildren at that Show.

New members are always welcome, whether you are an active artist, a total beginner, or simply just interested in how pictures are made.

For more information, your society contacts are

- Treasurer Jackie Chambers (01296) 713607
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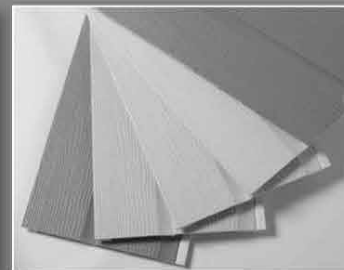
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# A ROYAL VISIT TO GREAT HORWOOD



Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall, who has been a patron of Medical Detection Dogs since 2014, visited the Great Horwood charity in February, to open the new Training Centre.

Her Royal Highness met a number of Medical Detection Dogs' clients, puppy socialisers, other volunteers and people who have helped the charity fund the new building along with members of staff.

There was a guard of honour made up of a number of MDD dogs and the Duchess was presented with the scissors to cut the ribbon by Tala, one of the dogs in training and nephew of Daisy who detected the cancer of Dr Claire Guest, the charity's Chief Executive.

Behavioural psychologist Dr Guest and former orthopaedic surgeon Dr John Church, who co-founded Medical Detection Dogs in 2008, were convinced from the start that dogs could be trained to detect the odour of human cancer and other diseases.

The charity, entirely supported by donations from the public and benefactors, now trains specialist dogs to detect the odour of many human diseases, including cancer, Parkinson's disease and malaria, and collaborates with other researchers, NHS Trusts and Universities internationally to advance the early diagnosis of disease.

It also provides life-saving medical alert assistance dogs to people with complex health problems such as Type 1 diabetes, PoTS and Addison's disease across the UK.

The new Training Centre, at Greenway Business Park, has been purpose-built to provide space for the Puppy Socialising department which makes sure the charity has enough dogs to train as future assistance dogs and bio detection dogs.

It also includes space for a Medical Alert Assistance Dog team who support applicants for medical alert assistance dogs through the process of matching them with a dog and the instructors who train those dogs to save the lives of clients.

As a charity with a no kennel policy, the building also includes a number of versatile training and presentation spaces which help with potential applicant awareness days and training for the dogs and the volunteers who care for them.

Dr Claire Guest, Chief Executive and co-founder of Medical Detection Dogs, said:

"We are incredibly grateful to the Duchess of Cornwall, a committed patron and supporter of our work, for coming to open our new Training and Research centre. It is unbelievable to think that just over ten years on from our foundation, and as the benefactors of immense generosity from countless people, we are able to improve our outreach by conducting more research, training more dogs and saving more lives."