

# FOCUS



People often say to vicars in the run up to Christmas, '*coming up to your busy time then.*' At one level they are of course correct, the Church is busy at Christmas time. Christmas is also, perhaps, the Church's happiest time. It is a time when we sing carols, read wonderful passages from Scripture and, say thank you for what Christians believe to be the greatest of all presents: Jesus.

At St. James we celebrate Christmas in a variety of ways using different forms of worship and a full list of services can be found in this magazine. As the Parish Priest all I would want to say is this: ***'Whatever you believe, you are very welcome to join us in St. James to celebrate Christmas.'*** Come and sing your heart out if that is what you would like to do at the carol service, join the children for the Christingle service, or come to either midnight mass (at 11.30pm) or the Christmas morning communion service.

We aim to ensure that the Christmas services are joyful and, yes, fun, and that they are opportunities to build the bonds of friendship, peace and community.

**From all at St. James may I wish you a very happy Christmas.**

*Rev'd Andrew Lightbown.*



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**Time**

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Supper served : 8.00 pm

**Venue**

Village Hall, Great Horwood

**Price**

£20.00

to include a measure of whisky

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## A CONCERT DARK ROSE FOR CHRISTMAS

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### Dark Rose for Christmas

Thursday 3rd December, 8pm

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## St James' Services for December

6th Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion
13th Dec	11.00am	Come and Praise
20th Dec	6.00pm	Nine lessons and Carols
24th Dec	4.00pm	Christingle Service
24th Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25th Dec	10.30am	Family Communion
27th Dec	9.30am	Holy Communion

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R Hemphill	T Brazier	S Brazier
D Brazier	-	-
D Brazier	-	-
I Lamberton	R Margerrison	Clergy
D Brazier	J Margerrison	D Brazier
Benefice Service at St Laurence Church, Winslow		

## Services for January

3rd Jan	11.00am	Epiphany Communion
10th Jan	11.00am	Come and Praise
17th Jan	11.00am	Holy Communion
24th Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
24th Jan	11.00am	Service of the Word
31st Jan	11.00am	Morning Prayer

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**Please note** that the Christmas Day Family Communion Service will start at the earlier time of 10.30am.

### Benefice Service

Please note that there will not be a Church service on Sunday 27th December at St James'. Everyone is, however, welcome to attend the Benefice service at St Laurence Church, Winslow starting at 9.30am, which will be a said Holy Communion Service with hymns.

**Church Key – December** – Lynne and Graham Mayger – 712643 **January** – Ian Lamberton – 715968.

## Lighting of the Church Tower

The tower was lit on:

- 22nd October for Mrs Blane
- 1st November it was lit to remember Mary Lamberton
- 5th November in loving memory of Helga Day
- the 14th and 15th November to celebrate the Birthday of Tom Armstrong

The Church will be lit during the month of December thanks to Marc and Jo Bennett- Coles.

*Ian Lamberton*



## Walt Whitehall

We'd like to send our condolences to the family and friends of Walter Thomas Whitehall, affectionately known as 'Walt', who died on October 20th, the day after his 83rd birthday. A community man who looked after the village green and Church yard for decades; a great carpenter known in the past for the beautiful dolls houses for the girls and battle forts for the boys.

Seen regularly in the pub with his mates, especially Les and George, and loved by all those who played dominoes. A gentle soul who will be dearly missed. Walt was a man who took pride in the village he lived in and all donations in his memory are going to *FOCUS*.

*Jane Holland*

## Donation to *FOCUS*

Thank you so much to the family of Walt Whitehall for deciding to donate all the money raised from Walt's recent passing to the Village magazine. A very kind thought that benefits the whole community because it's thanks to donations such as this that *FOCUS* can continue to be produced and delivered free of charge to all households in the village.

*Dean White*

## 12 Days of Christmas Raffle

St James' Church is again getting into the festive spirit and holding a 12 days of Christmas Raffle. Prizes are:



- 1 Luxury Christmas Hamper
- 2 Bottles of Spirits
- 3 Mystery Presents
- 4 Christmas Treats
- 5 Bottles of Wines
- 6 Luxury Christmas Crackers
- 7 Assorted Christmas Decorations
- 8 Bottles of Beer
- 9 Christmas Candles
- 10 Chocolate Christmas Trees
- 11 Luxury Christmas Cards
- 12 Luxury Mince Pies

Tickets are just 50 pence each and the raffle will be drawn after the Christmas Carol Concert on the 20th of December with all prizes distributed before Christmas. Tickets are available from any PCC member. For more information please call Russell Margerrison on 714554.

# GREAT HORWOOD DOCTORS CAR SERVICE



The service is available to be used by anybody living in the village that needs transport to get to the Doctors Surgery in Winslow.

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## Upcoming Events...

**December 6th – Bumper Christmas Quiz with free buffet.**

**No entry fee, due to popularity teams must be booked in advance**

**December 24th – Christmas Eve Party with free buffet and music from the silverband, all ages welcome**

**December 31st – New Years Eve Disco, free entry**

**with music and dancing until 1pm , all ages welcome**

# TAYLOR WIMPEY PLANNING APPLICATION TO BUILD 42 HOMES off WESTON ROAD

## SOME POSITIVE NEWS...

Thanks to extensive lobbying by your Parish Council, numerous residents and local MP John Bercow, **the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Greg Clarke, has decided to 'call in' this planning application.** What that means is that the approval to it given by AVDC is now void and Greg Clarke will make the decision on the application.

One of the reasons he has called it in is because of the application's inconsistency with the Neighbourhood Plan; which was endorsed by 91% of residents who voted.

### AVDC Approval – how was this granted?

Given that this application drives a coach and horses through the Neighbourhood Plan, by what process did AVDC approve it? At the AVDC Strategic Management Committee on the 23rd of September, 4 committee members voted in favour the application with 4 against, and it was only approved by the chairman using his casting vote.

### SIR BEVILLE STANIER

Great Horwood's AVDC council member Sir Beville Stanier sits on that committee, but wasn't present at the meeting because of a long standing private engagement. Unfortunately he is not able to vote by proxy, and an independent substitute is sent in his place. His substitute, Mrs Jenny Bloom, voted to approve the application. Cllr Stanier did write a letter to the committee in advance of the meeting explaining his objections to the application and requesting that it be refused.

Had Great Horwood's elected representative attended the meeting, the outcome would almost certainly have been different. The application by Taylor Wimpey would have likely been rejected and we would not now be in this period of uncertainty where we await the decision by The Secretary of State.

Given the critical importance to the village of this application, if there was only one meeting in his entire tenure that Beville Stanier should have moved heaven and earth to attend, this was surely it. I was surprised by his non-attendance and have done further investigations to find out whether Mr Stanier ensured that he did all in his power to represent his constituents in this matter.

After answering some initial questions, Mr Stanier refused to correspond with me when I challenged him on a number of points. But we did subsequently speak and the following facts emerged:

- Mr Stanier states that with hindsight, now knowing the outcome, he would have attended the meeting. But as no one can know outcomes of meetings beforehand it is surely the duty of elected representatives to attend all meetings in which their constituency is affected? If he could have attended with the benefit of hindsight, presumably he could have attended without it?
- In his letter to the planning committee Mr Stanier said that had he been able to attend he would stand down from the committee for this item in order to give his views as the local member for Great Horwood. In other words, he would in effect, abstain. Within the committee process, a member can chose to vote or to stand down for any agenda item. He must stand down when he has publicly declared his intention or has pre-determined how he will vote. In other words, if he has already made up his mind and won't be persuaded during the committee process, then he should declare that and stand down. But if he is to vote, he has to have an open mind, be prepared to listen to all arguments during the meeting, and then vote having considered the arguments. It's a grey area and only Beville Stanier and his conscience can know whether standing down would have been the right thing to do. But had he been at the meeting and even stood down rather than vote, then it is likely that no substitute would have been appointed and the application would have been refused.
- Since the application was approved Mr Stanier has done nothing to get it overturned or called in by The Secretary of State. His view, and I quote is: *"The decision taken was entirely democratic and as such there is no means of overturning it"*. This contrasts sharply with the Parish Council and many residents, including myself, who wrote to both John Bercow and The Secretary of State asking that he intervene and the decision be reversed.

Sir Beville Stanier has been the Great Horwood representative on AVDC for many years and was re-elected last May with a large majority. He was elected to represent, be the voice of, and stand up for, the people of Great Horwood. I for one feel that he has let us down very badly on this issue.

Dean White



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 Sun 12noon - 10.30pm

### FOOD SERVED

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 Weds 6.30pm - 9pm  
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 Fri 12noon - 2pm & 6.30pm - 9pm  
 Sat 12noon - 2pm & 6.30pm - 9pm  
 Sun 12noon - 2.30pm

### December diary dates...

- 20th Christmas drinks following The Church carol service  
 24th Bar only, open all day until 10pm  
 25th Bar open 12 - 3pm  
 26th Bar open 12 - close  
 27th -29th Closed  
 30th Open at 12. Bar & restaurant (usual evening hours)  
 31st Bar open from 12. Restaurant by reservation only from 7.30pm  
 1st January Bar open 12 - close. Restaurant by reservation only 12-3pm

Our festive menu is available throughout December. Please call 01296 714534 to book a table

*"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our customers"*

## Great Horwood Silver Band



The band played for the Remembrance Parade and Service in Winslow on the 8th November and for the Remembrance Service in Preston Bissett on Wednesday the 11th November. Vicki Cook played the Last Post and Reveille at the Great Horwood Service.

The Band's next engagement is for the opening of the new recreation ground in Whaddon on Sunday 29th November 12pm to 2pm.

On **Saturday December 5th** they will play for the biennial Carol Concert in Potterspurty United Reformed Church. This Concert is very popular: entry is £6 and £5 concessions which includes mince pies and hot drinks.

**Sunday 6th December is the annual Carol Concert in Great Horwood Village Hall from 3pm. Entry for this concert is free; there will be a raffle, refreshments and a leaving collection.** All proceeds from the concert will be shared between the Village Hall fund and *FOCUS* Magazine.

On **Thursday December 17th** the Band will play carols at Tesco Buckingham from 6pm and will be playing again at Tesco on Sunday 20th December from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

On **Tuesday 22nd** a small group from the band will play carols around the tree in Adstock from 6.30pm.

**On Christmas Eve the band will tour Great Horwood playing carols. If anyone is available and willing to collect for us on our tour on Christmas Eve we would be very pleased to hear from them.**

We are at present recruiting new members. If you would like to join us or learn to play we would be pleased to hear from you. Instruments and tuition are provided free of charge.

We already have several engagements booked for next year. If you wish to hire the band for your special occasion please contact Beryl on 01908 510809.  
webpage: [www.freewebs.com/greathorwood](http://www.freewebs.com/greathorwood)

The band members wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

*Beryl Lack (tel: 01908 510809)*

## W.I News



In **November** we held our AGM, which began with an informative talk from a Fire Officer. Alison Stills had the knack of delivering a serious message in a light hearted way. This was followed by the normal WI business and lastly the AGM. We were shown the healthy accounts and had a review of the year from Liz and Karen.

In **December** we have our Christmas party on Tuesday 8th when we will be entertained by the Buckingham hand bell ringers. Do feel free to come along to this informal evening, meet the WI members, try your hand at bell ringing and enjoy some seasonal refreshments. There is no cost for visitors. Please contact Ann on 714052 or [annieqq@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annieqq@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like more information.

In **January**, we start the new year with a talk entitled "travels in Kenya and beyond" by Wendy Taylor, on 12th January.

2015 has been another busy year for the Great Horwood and Singleborough WI. As well as our monthly meetings, we had a

## Lions Club of Winslow



*The Festive Season has arrived!*

It's that time of year again where the decorations are up and the excitement is growing for the festive season. The Lions Club of Winslow is busy making preparations too. We are proud to invite you all to our next event, the traditional pre-Christmas Carols in the Market Square. There will be carol singing under the tree with the St Laurence Choir and the Giocosso Concert Band.

So come and join us for a **7pm start on Tuesday 22nd December**. There will also be a visit from a special guest for the children.

Entries for Winslow 10km run are now open. Join us on the Sunday 28th February 2016; with the race starting at 10.30am from Furze Down School, Verney Road, Winslow. We are limited to 400 places, so if you want to participate please fill in an entry form. Details regarding entry to the race and terms and conditions are on our website.

We have also set the date of our 11th Winslow Beer Festival! Make sure you keep your diaries free for Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March 2016. We hope to have coverage of the final round of 6 Nations games over our two Saturday sessions.

**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)*

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## Great Horwood Cricket Club Dinner and dance – Thank you



A great time was had by all at the annual Great Horwood Cricket Club dinner and dance. The venue was the village hall on October 16th, where we were entertained by Paul French and well fed by The Crown.

Thank you everyone that helped with the event and to everyone that attended and made it a good night out.

*Stacey Ridgway*

stall at the village fête and entered the Bucks show. We have enjoyed trips to the theatre, Highclere Castle and the Arla Diary. The WI Centenary was celebrated in several ways, including the transfer of the baton from Winslow to Great Horwood on a little red tractor, a garden party at Buckingham palace for one lucky member and a celebration at the Albert Hall with the Queen, for another.

We have a varied programme planned for 2016 - meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7.30.

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*Ann Biggins*

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The Trust owns the land on which the playground is built and has appointed a Management Committee to maintain and refurbish the equipment and site.

**There is a VACANCY on the Trust for a representative to join a dedicated team in preserving this facility.** The new member of this Charitable Trust will recognise their responsibilities to the Trust and village residents. They will appreciate the importance of the Pece as a village asset and with enthusiasm help secure future sponsorship and seek fund-raising opportunities.

If you'd like to consider this role and want to learn more please contact Steve Brigden 01296 714653 or e-mail sixlords@btconnect.com

## Great Horwood CE Combined School PTA



Our upcoming dates of events that we are holding are noted below:

### Save The Date:

- **Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 12th December 12-2pm (See back page)**
- Race Night: Saturday 27th February 2016 7:30pm
- Mad March Fun Run: Sunday 20th March from 12 noon
- Table Top Sale: Saturday 14th May 10:30am

*Sharon Strickland-Clark*

## Great Horwood FC Approaches 50 Years...



Your village football club has had a solid start to this season, with the highlight so far being when the Senior team beat Buckingham Town in the Cup... .stunning! Since then, both senior teams have performed strongly, if inconsistently, and find themselves in the top half of their respective leagues.

The junior section of the club continues to flourish, with all teams enjoying their football and delivering a mixed set of results. If there are any young 'David Beckhams' in the local community who wish to join us, please get in touch with either myself, Martin Waggot or Paula Davies.

Off the pitch, the Management committee with support from parents, has been busy investing in further ground keeping machinery in order to keep the pitches in good shape (the ground which was repaired last season is now playable) and have recently invested more funds into improving the club's showers and toilet block. Plans are afoot to upgrade the kitchen area but this will need to wait for the end of the season.

All of this investment is funded by end of season award ceremonies, signing on fees and the pre-season Junior Tournament which is now beginning to gather traction with local teams. This year, we entertained numerous teams across all age groups. All have applauded the Club on a well run tournament, where fun was had by all and most will be back next year. We are happy to consider all potential avenues of funding and if anyone has experience within this field and would like to assist, please step forward!

**The Club still needs a new Volunteer to take on the position of Child Welfare Officer.** This is an administration function, carried out in conjunction with team Managers and the Club committee, and without this position being filled, the Club cannot operate. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact myself.

Looking forward, the Club will be celebrating it's 50th year in existence next Summer and there will be a number of events carried out to celebrate this fantastic achievement... so watch this space.

*Vyv Rudd (Chairman), Gt Horwood FC*

## Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor



### **Thefts from vehicles and outbuildings**

Theft from vehicles is still occurring as is theft from outbuildings and we can only reiterate the need to secure vehicles and buildings to prevent the opportunist taking your possessions. We have now changed the clocks for the winter which means houses are in darkness for longer, so think about using timer switches on lamps, leave a radio on, don't leave valuables in full view of a front window, ensure side gates are locked and that patio/French doors are locked properly.

### **Rural Crime**

Calling everyone who owns a quad bike or ATV – thefts of these is on the increase. Nationally, 782 thefts were reported to the police last year. Thames Valley Police are again working with Datatag, through the Cesar scheme, to offer farmers and landowners a heavily discounted price to protect their machines. The normal recommended price is £120 + VAT, the discounted price is £50 + VAT per machine. At this stage Datatag is looking for expressions of interest so when we know demand we can book the appropriate people to fit it. Please contact either your local NFU rep or call Peter Edwards on 01865 846317.

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A Cesar registered machine is 6 times more likely to be recovered if stolen."

Now harvest is over, ploughing, harrowing and drilling is done, think about your machinery – is it secure? Datatag and your Neighbourhood Policing team are happy to provide crime prevention advice.

*Wendy Taylor*

## Apple Day at the Crown 24th October



Despite it being wet and windy, the apple day held in October was a great success with over 100 litres of juice being produced, some of which will be converted into cider. People came not only from Great Horwood but from Milton Keynes and several nearby villages too.

Paul Robertson, who organised the day, intends to make this an annual event.

*Dean White*

## Village News - Sara Hadlow

Hand and Lock have been producers of the Worlds Finest Embroidery since 1767. They are the leading supplier of all types of embroidery.

On 5th November at the Bishopsgate Institute London, the

Prize Giving for The Hand and Lock International Embroidery Competition took place. Sponsors included The Royal School of Needlework, Liberty of London, University of the Arts London, Madeira, and Bishopsgate Institute. Sara Hadlow, a girl born and educated in this village, was selected as a finalist in the 'Open Category' from hundreds of entries.

Other 'Open Category' finalists countries represented were Italy, Nigeria, Romania, Russia and Japan.

Sara's work was about bringing Jacobean Embroidery, which flourished at the time of King James 1st of England, through to the present time and the future, where Reuse, Reduce, and Recycle are paramount.

Sara won Third Prize against very stiff competition and is delighted that the quality of her work has been given praise from the worlds finest. The competition has been likened to the Olympics Of The Embroidery World.

*Eileen Hadlow*



*Sara with her award and proud mum Eileen*

## Thornborough Community Woodlands (at Coombs)

In 1995 Buckinghamshire County Council established a Community Woodland in the parish of Thornborough at Coombs. The 176 acres has become a well-kept secret to some and a delightful surprise for others!

In 2012 Thornborough Parish Council (PC) was asked to take over management of the woodlands due to funding cuts at Bucks CC. The PC has been managing the area for the past year and responsibility is shortly to transfer to a newly formed charity – The Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Enterprise Trust.

As with anything to do with local government it has all taken longer than we envisaged – but we are nearly there!

Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Enterprise Trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Association Model [Charity registration Number 1163451]. The sub-committee members from the PC have transitioned into the inaugural board and have taken responsibility for maintaining the site.

This year the woodlands have been maintained by a small very busy team of volunteers and we are very proud that the whole area has looked so good in our first year.

Do you know what is there? The woodlands include a fruit orchard with unusual apple, pear and quince varieties, a stone quarry with archaeology dating back 170 million years, flora, and fauna to delight and walks suitable for young and old legs.

There is a car park in the woodland or a lovely walk in from the medieval bridge on the A421. There is also a footpath from Pilch Lane and paths from neighbouring villages.

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## GHAS Youth Club presented an Afternoon at The Ritz on Saturday 14th November



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The event was heavily subsidised by Bucks County Council L.A.F. and the takings of £532 will be divided equally between the Youth Club and the National Autistic Society. Thanks to all those who came and supported the event and to Janthea, Steve and Kenton who inspired the young people's theatricals

### Found

- When we were clearing up after the "Afternoon at The Ritz" a man's black and gold signet ring was found.

Is it yours?

Please contact Monica on 01296 711915 for its return

Following our successful "Afternoon at The Ritz" our next "appearance" will be at the Great Horwood School **PTA Christmas Bazaar** which will take place on **12th December from 12 noon to 2pm.**

At the bazaar we will be running our stall selling handmade Christmas presents. I think that you will be amazed at the quality of our handicrafts.

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### Introduction

The fallout from the earlier decision by AVDC to approve the Taylor Wimpey Planning Application for the land south of Weston Road has continued to dominate the thoughts of your Parish Council, but in addition we are progressing with our Parish Plan 2016 work as well of course with our normal business such as maintenance and budget setting.

### Parish Updates

#### **Planning**

The Weston Road Planning Application has been called in by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Parish Council has been given Rule 6 status which means that it will be one of the formal contributors at the public inquiry. For the time being AVDC cannot proceed any further with the application. We are currently constructing our case using appropriate experts which will hinge upon legal and planning issues.

It could take up to 10 months for this to be heard but we are determined to get the AVDC decision reversed and ensure our Neighbourhood Plan is not undermined. The PC will draw on the remaining £7,500 in the Neighbourhood Planning Team account and if necessary, £5000 of its own reserves which are held for legal challenges for this purpose.

#### **Gypsy and Traveller Policy**

I attended a meeting chaired by the Rt. Hon John Bercow MP with the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government the Rt. Hon Greg Clark MP and accompanied by John Hamilton from Nash Parish Council, Carole Paternoster from AVDC and Sir Beville Stanier in the Houses of Parliament on 13 October. The following policy issues were covered:

- Inability of local planning authorities to provide suitable sites for travellers.
- Tension between traveller and settled communities.
- Perception that there is one rule for travellers and another rule for the settled community with respect to planning regulation.
- Location of existing sites and creation of alternative new sites.

The meeting was very useful to discuss the dichotomy between policy for gypsy and traveller sites and the provision of sites in appropriate locations. Of significance, the Secretary of State said that he did not wish to see temporary sites in open countryside made permanent by AVDC unless there was an overriding reason, and AVDC should look again at land they currently have but also make provision as part of new large-scale housing developments forming part of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP).

Although we were not allowed to discuss specific cases, there are implications for the Nash Park site which has temporary permission until November 2015 and for which we are awaiting an AVDC decision. We expect AVDC to grant an extension to the temporary permission for the Nash Park site for around 2 years to coincide with alternative site provision by the VALP in the Spring of 2017.

#### **Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan**

The VALP consultation document has been issued by AVDC and a detailed response by the Parish Council has been formulated to meet the 6-week deadline of the 4th of December for submissions.

#### **Great Horwood Parish Plan 2016 Consultation**

You will have seen the yellow handouts concerning our Parish Plan 2016 included with the November edition of *FOCUS*. The responses to the questionnaire will be invaluable in gauging the opinion of our local community concerning priorities, timescales and budget for parish initiatives, facilities and organisations. This is essential for our revision of the 2006 Parish Plan. I look forward to giving you an overall summary of the responses in a later edition of *FOCUS*.

#### **The Green**

Cllr Mayne is exploring various options to improve The Green and we have noted points raised by our local community of safeguarding the visibility on exit from the parking area.

#### **Planters**

We have agreed for the summer plants to be swapped out for winter plants as winter draws inexorably closer.

### Parish Council Website, Meetings and Suggestions

For a more comprehensive report of the latest or indeed previous Parish Council meetings, 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 and lots of information about the parish.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention, please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors, or otherwise, we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting where we include a public participation period where you can raise an item directly. **The next meeting of the Council will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14 December.**

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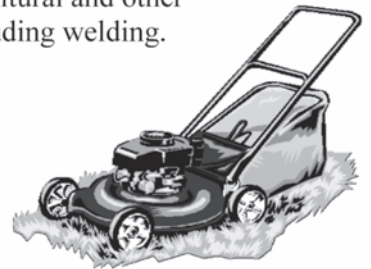
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