

New Year's Honour for Sheila Gurnett (MBE)



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Sheila Gurnett, who lived in Great Horwood for many years and is still involved in village life, **has been awarded an MBE** (*Member of the Order of the British Empire*) for services to children and young people. The MBE is awarded for achievement or service in and to the community, which is outstanding in its field.

Sheila has worked tirelessly for over 50 years helping young people develop and fulfil their potential. A retired primary school teacher, lifelong Girlguider and youth worker, Sheila first opened a new Girlguiding group in Bletchley 1962. This was followed by various Guiding roles including running Rainbows in Great Horwood from 1996, and later, County Commissioner for Buckinghamshire. She is still actively involved with local Guiding groups and continues to train and mentor Guide leaders.

Alongside her Guiding work Sheila has also set up and run a Sunday school and spent many years as a youth worker. In 2001 she became a member of the Bucks Education Authority (12+) Appeals Committee and became involved with 'Family Group Conferencing', an organisation that helps families find solutions to problems they are experiencing.

Of her award, Sheila said: "I feel both humble and proud to be awarded such an honour, and receive it on behalf of so many volunteers in the community, in particular, Girlguiding leaders, who dedicate so much of their time and life year in and year out in order to prepare young people for the future"

Editors note: What an inspiration Sheila Gurnett is. I salute the huge contribution she has made to so many people, young and old; and congratulate her on receiving this well deserved award.

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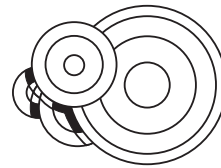
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St James' Services for February

		Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessor	
5th Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion	N Weir	S Martin	D Brazier
12th Feb	10.30am	Come and Praise	R Hemphill	D Brazier	M Gilbey
19th Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	J Margerrison	M Vincent
22nd Feb	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service			
26th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)			
26th Feb	10.30am	Service of the Word	I Lamberton	C Finnemore	Clergy

Church Key Rota – I Lamberton tel: 715968

From Rev Belinda Searle-Barnes, Rector

February 1st is the feast day of the 5th Century St Brigid of Kildare, an important Irish saint, who with

"her white wand, is said to breathe life into the mouth of the dead Winter and to bring him to open his eyes to the tears and the smiles, the sighs and the laughter of Spring"

Alexander Carmichael (writer of the Celtic Carmina Gadelica).



St. Brigid's Cross

In Christian history, St Brigid, inspired by her love of God, became a nun and an abbess and a recognised saint for the good works and miracles attributed to her. While like all saints there are myths and legends about her, the saintly attributes she is said to have portrayed include the gifts of the building up of community life, reconciliation and peace-making. She is also associated with weaving which the design of her cross shows (see above). She is known to be associated symbolically with the art of weaving together the vulnerable threads of community life so that peace and harmony can exist in the life of a city, town, village or hamlet. In Ireland, the making of a St Brigid's cross out of reeds is a traditional activity to mark the beginning of early spring.

As we go about our lives this month of February, let us be thankful for the signs of new life of early Spring such as the bright snowdrops that appear and the sense of hopefulness they can inspire; and be specially careful to contribute to the building up of good relationships with the people we come in touch with in this community of Winslow and wherever we find ourselves.

Lord God, creator of all things, who in your loving kindness and care meet our human needs: with the dawn of each day and the signs of new life in Spring, help us to go about daily lives with compassion and generosity that we may contribute in the building up of peace here on earth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Lighting of the Church Tower

The church was lit:

- on the 8th December for Mr Blane's Birthday
- on the 5th January for Toby Terkelsen's Birthday
- on the 11th January to remember Mrs Eve Blane
- and on the 13th January for Sarah Samway's late Father's Birthday

We are grateful to Mr & Mrs Bennett-Coles and Susan Mosier for kindly sponsoring the lighting of the Church over the Christmas period.

Ian Lamberton

Ash Wednesday Service

A special service to mark the start of Lent will take place on Wednesday 22nd February at 8pm. Please join us for a short service of prayer and reflection. All welcome.

Sunbeams

Please note that due to the second Tuesday falling in half term this month, there will be no meeting for Sunbeams. The next date will be Tuesday 13th March at 2pm. Hope to see you there.

Donations to Focus

Thank you to the following for your kind donations to FOCUS:

- 😊 Great Horwood Football Club through your participation in the Buckingham Charity Cup competition
- 😊 Great Horwood and Singleborough WI
- 😊 Véronique Charlton
- 😊 David Bolton (and his apple trees!)

Dean White

Date for the Diary - GREAT HORWOOD 5K FUN RUN Sunday 25th March

It's that time of year again - the bulbs are peeping through and Spring is not too far away, so drag yourself (and your trainers) out of hibernation and start your training for the Great Horwood 5k Run. This annual event is a fun day for all the family. Whether you are a walker or a runner, competitive or just starting out, it caters for all abilities. There are trophies in different age categories and a medal for all finishers. Once again Boyd Coughlan have been kind enough to sponsor the event and without their help it would become more difficult to stage the run - many thanks to them. All proceeds from the event go to the School and in the past it has been a great fundraising event. There will be refreshments and a raffle on the day with some great prizes. Why not invite friends and family along and go for a celebratory pint at one of our pubs afterwards! You will find the entry form on the back page. If anyone is interested in helping to marshall the event (not too much of an onerous task - it just involves being around for the duration of the run) please contact me on the number below. Hope to see you there. [See back page for entry form.](#)

Sheila Landymore (tel: 711627)

Walking challenge – calling all walkers!

Do you fancy a challenge? Would you like to raise money for a charity? Following the success of the village cycle challenge, a couple of the village mums thought it would be great to do a long distance walk. We would like to do it this summer so if you are interested in joining us please contact Kate Jones on 01296 712411 as we need to organise a planning meeting soon! Look forward to hearing from you.

Kate Jones

Great Horwood Village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
Monday, 4th June from 3pm to Midnight.
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On **Monday 4th June** Great Horwood and Singleborough will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee with a wonderful FREE street party in the middle of the village!

We will have lots of entertainment for children and families from 3pm and then our street party begins with food and drink from 5pm. In the evening we will have bands, more food and drink and lots of dancing. It will all culminate in the lighting of the village beacon at 10.30pm!

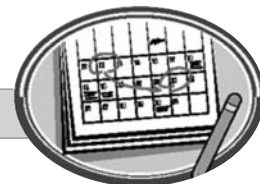
We want to have a day we will all remember in years to come- one where we can all say 'I was there' with lots of lovely memories of being part of this very special village and group of friends.

So book the date in your diary now so you don't miss out! We would love to see as many people as possible there from the village so we have the very best time ever!

If you want to know more, be part of the team helping to pull it all together or want to provide any entertainment of any sort then give me a ring on 07831 269032 or email me, Ann Elliott, on ann@elliottmarketingpr.com. Our February committee meeting is on Monday 13th Feb in The Crown so you can just turn up, have a drink on us and tell us what you think!



Great Horwood Diary of Events 2012



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thu 1 Mar	12.00- 1.30pm	Lent Lunches start in St James Church
Sat 10 Mar	10.00am – 4.00pm	W.I. Sculpting with Silk Paper in the Village Hall
Sat 10 Mar	Evening	PTA Quiz Night
Fri 23 Mar	Evening	A presentation of Ernie Ridgway's slides in the Village Hall
Sun 25 Mar	12 noon	PTA Fun Run
Sun 25 Mar	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Annual Church meeting in St James
Fri 30 Mar		School Easter Service in St James Church
Mon 2 Apr	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall
Sat 19 May	Afternoon	Great Horwood Silver band plays for church funds
Mon 4 Jun	3.00pm - late	Diamond Jubilee Celebration fun day on the Village Green
Sat 23 Jun	8.00pm – 12.00pm	Midsummer Ball in the Village Hall
Sat 7 Jul	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Fete on the Village Green
Mon 6 Aug	6.00pm – 11.00pm	Great Horwood Feast on the Village Green
Tue 7 Aug	6.00pm – 11.00pm	Great Horwood Feast on the Village Green
Sat 6 Oct	10.00am – 1.00pm	Giving morning in St James with exhibits, cake stall & refreshments
Fri 12 Oct	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Harvest Supper in St James
Sun 14 Oct	10.00am – 11.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St James

As at 15.01.12 Please email additions to john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk

Celebratory Bunting for the Diamond Jubilee – do you want to order any?

Bucks County Council is offering each parish council 600 metres of red, white and blue triangular bunting free of charge and I have arranged for this to be provided for our fun day on 4th June.

It is also providing the opportunity to purchase additional supplies through the County Council order. The larger the total order that the County achieves the lower the cost will be.

The current costs are as follows but may be reduced if the overall order is increased.

Red, White Blue triangular bunting 10metres for £1
 Small Paper Union Jack Bunting 43metres for £39
 Large Union Jack bunting 161 metres for £29.50
 Union Jack Paper flags 50 flags for £7.45

I will be placing additional orders on behalf of the committee for the fun day event on 4th June but if any other organisations or individuals in the village would like to place their own orders please contact me as I have to co-ordinate all orders from our Parish.

The total order from Great Horwood must be placed before the end of February.

John Gilbey 01296 711915 john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk

Village Hall Diary

Please feel free to visit the hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We have a pretty good selection of books and jigsaws on display and these are free to borrow. It is getting to be THE PLACE to be!

Regular Activities and Events:

Monday

- Mums with toddlers (under 5's) meet 9.30- 11.30am
- Parish council meet 7.30pm on 13th of Feb (second week of the month). Public welcome
- Every other Monday evening an excellent youth group meet - Lots to do

Tuesday

- Jazzercise 9.30am till 12. Good fun, hourly sessions. Tel Keri: 07900 987230
- 14th Feb (second evening of the month) WI meet at 7.30pm. Very good speakers, good value, make new friends.

Wednesday

- Visiting POST OFFICE 9.30am – 11.30am. Tea and coffee served 20p. Sit and pass the time of day Sale table, Free range eggs. Hand made cards something a bit special And visit the Library!!
- Our very own Silver Band rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Newcomers welcome

Thursday

- Start your day with V-FIT 9am till 10am. Sets you up for your weekend.
- Every other Thursday evening: Feb 2nd/16th and March 3rd there is a whist drive. £2 per person Refreshment inc. Tuition available. Contact Jeannie on 713727 for info.

Friday

- Art and Craft group meet Do your own thing very social gathering. 10am till noon-ish! Tea and coffee and browse the books!

We have all you require for a game of indoor short tennis. Excellent for those dreary days.

Please use your Hall for Parties and gatherings (tel. Jeannie 713727 for bookings). Fees are pretty reasonable and we try to keep it in good condition and hope you do too!

Jeannie Marshall

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If there is an episode you think particularly interesting or amusing which occurred in the village, either recently or in the past, **NOW IS THE TIME TO TELL US ABOUT IT.**

Please contact Monica Jones on 712850 or Liz Nicholls 715331 or email liz.nicholls@lineone.net



The Great Fire of Great Horwood

In 1781 a terrible fire destroyed most of Great Horwood.





I'm writing a piece about the fire for the village book and I'm trying to find out what parts of the village were destroyed/damaged by the fire.

The parts of Great Horwood that hadn't been built on by 1781 obviously weren't hit by the fire, including, Greenway, much of Spring Lane and the cul-de-sacs that come off Little Horwood Road.

So far, we know that most of the High Street on the south side was burnt and some of the Green, including where The Crown now stands and Church Lane but some of the south side of The Green and most of Little Horwood Road seem to have escaped the fire.

What I don't know is whether the fire spread round the corner from the High Street to where The Swan is, Winslow Road or the top of Spring Lane or across the road to where the Village Hall now stands and that area. Nor do I know whether the fire spread from the north side of The Green to Nash Road or across the road to the east side of The Green or the end of Little Horwood Road where the old Methodist Chapel stands.

If you have any possible information about the fire please let me know. I'd particularly like to hear from the following:

-  anyone whose house dates back before 1781 and has burnt timbers, probably in the attic, or other fire damage;
-  anyone whose house was built in the 1780s or 1790s;
-  anyone whose house deeds mention a previous dwelling or barn on their plot being destroyed in the fire;
-  or anyone who knows any stories about the fire that might have been passed down to them from previous generations.

I'd really love to hear from you by phone, email or at home. Thank you very much.

Clare Martin Tel: 712034; email: clareandsimon@clara.co.uk
2 The Close, Gt. Horwood



Wildlife in Great Horwood

The results of our wildlife survey for 2011 have been sent to the Bucks. Environmental Centre where they will contribute to the county's returns and be passed on to the national database. The information is collected by a small group of active recorders who make a note of the species seen, together with time and date of sighting.

More records will be very welcome so if you are able to spend a little time to help this years survey please phone Monica Jones on 01296 712850 for details.



Monica Jones

Jazzercise Charity Event Success!

Jazzercise instructor Keri Donnellan held a charity event in Winslow in January and raised £80 for Treehouse Nursery Winslow and The Winslow Library.

Good fun was had by all as not one but two Jazzercise instructors, Sarah Mackay and Zoe Tiller, led participants through a fast paced hour long class of high and low impact moves that included kickboxing, Pilates, Yoga and aerobic action to some fantastic tunes. Well done to all involved, especially Hayley Elrick (class manager) Claire Tunnicliffe (Trainee Jazzercise Instructor) and a baptism of fire for new girl Debbie Nichols (class manager). Plus the superstar ladies of Winslow Jazzercise who can be seen below!



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Nature Area Development

Thank you to parents and members of the community in Great Horwood who helped with the last two Nature Area Working Parties; the events were a great success, with much of the area being cleared ready for redevelopment. We are hoping to re-launch our Nature Area at Easter with a range of celebratory activities!

Mrs Michalski's Retirement

Mrs Michalski enjoyed a wonderful send off from us all at the end of last term, commencing with an after school party attended by many friends and former colleagues from over the years. Mrs Michalski was presented with a new laptop which she was delighted to receive!

The final assembly of the school year was also dedicated to saying thank you to Mrs Michalski. Cards and gifts were presented, including an engraved bench that will be placed in our redeveloped nature area when it opens at Easter.

Paul Adams: Headteacher

Retirement - Margaret Michalski

I would like to say a big "thank you" for all the gifts, cards and good wishes I have received on my retirement, not only from my colleagues and parents at the school but also the people in the village community. My time at Great Horwood School was a very happy one and I will miss all the staff, children and the routine of going to work every day. But, I am looking forward to my retirement and having more time to catch up on all the things one doesn't have time for when working. At the moment I have no special plans, but I am sure I will be able to channel my energies into lots of interests – new and old. Who know what's around the corner!

Thank you all once again for your good wishes. They were greatly appreciated.

Margaret Michalski



Neighbourhood Watch

Here are a number of items of interest from the January Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter for our area:

Crime in general is up by 9%, the main areas affected are Mursley, Newton Longville, Winslow, North Marston and Whitchurch.

A neighbouring area has had a number of burglaries where homes with uPVC doors have been targeted by criminals. It is important that residents ensure their uPVC doors are 'double-locked'. Doors are double locked by pulling up the internal handle and then turning the key - this ensures the door is held by the five point locking system.

Finally :- HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have anything that has annoyed, irritated or worried you, go to :- Henry's in the High Street, Winslow on the 14th of Feb or 13th of March between 10:00 -12:00 where you can have your say to local police Officers or PCSOs about local issues. No appointment is necessary.

Do remember this number:- **101**

Use it to report a crime, contact a police officer - all police officers have mobile phones so you can leave a message for them to respond to when next on duty - or contact your local police station. 999 can also be used and will connect you to the emergency services, namely fire ambulance and the police. If you have information about crime but do not want to speak to the police, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For any Neighbourhood Watch matters contact me on 713716 or call at 3 Greenway. More in March.

Regards, Ted Hadlow



W.I News

Great Horwood and Singleborough WI have a very interesting year ahead. Of course we will be joining in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and catching Olympic fever but we also have a varied programme of speakers and events that hopefully will be of interest to all.

To start off the year on the 10th of January Elizabeth Bennion talked about "Tracing your family tree". I am sure lots of people are interested in discovering who their ancestors are but don't really know how to begin. She advised that we start by talking to our oldest relatives and recording the wealth of information they can provide. Look at old photographs and try to establish where and when they were taken and refer to family papers or bibles. Elizabeth was also able to direct us to books, internet sites, archives and organisations that hold valuable information. She has been researching her own family tree for a number of years and has traced her family back to the early 1600s. This research has taken her all over the UK including the Scottish boarders and the Welsh hills. The trail isn't completely cold and she hopes to continue following her ancestral line.

At our next monthly meeting on 14th February the subject is "Palmistry – character reading from your hand." Sylvia Kidby will be interpreting all those lines, bumps and creases enabling us to discover all sorts of things about ourselves.

Looking ahead to Saturday March 10th we are holding a "Sculpting with Silk Paper" workshop in the Village Hall. Linda Rudkin a textile artist, speaker and writer based in Leicestershire will be teaching participants the technique of making silk from fibres and then proceed to adapt this to create a 3D form, i.e. a vessel. You can find out more about her at www.lindarudkin.com. If you would like to join us please give me a call. See you soon.

Val Smith 01296 711551

Great Horwood Silver Band

The band had a busy Christmas playing concerts in Great Horwood, Potterspurty and Wolverton. They also played carols at Tesco Buckingham on two occasions and toured Great Horwood. We visited Michael and Lesley Brocklehurst in their new home in Granborough to play carols to them. Thanks to all those that contributed to our collections both at Tesco and in Great Horwood. It is very much appreciated and helps to support the band throughout the year. It also enables us to raise money for other worthwhile charities. We would also like to thank those kind members of the public and the management of Tesco, who provided us with chocolates, biscuits, mince pies and coffee during our sessions at Tesco's.

The Christmas Carol Concert in the Village hall was very well attended and enabled us to donate £250 to the Village Hall funds.

The band raised £820 for Local and National Charities during 2011: those included Diabetes UK, Clic Sargent, Potterspurty United Reformed Church, Florence Nightingale Hospice, Focus and Alzheimer Society.

The Carol Concert in Potterspurty was as usual a great success and raised £519 despite there being another concert in Potterspurty on the same night.

A photo session was held in the Village hall on 20th December. Photos were also taken of individual and family groups. We now have superb up-to-date photos of the band, as the last professional photos were taken in 1997 and we have quite a few new members who have joined since then.

The band is now busy rehearsing for the Annual Concert in the Community Centre in Buckingham on Saturday 3rd March 7.30pm.

100 club winners for November were:
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are in the quarter-finals of the Divisional trophy. The team is playing some excellent football this season and the strong team spirit has seen them come from behind to win their last 2 matches and have only suffered 2 narrow cup defeats in 22 matches played so far this season. Hopes are high for a strong finish to the season in 2012 with chances of League and Cup success a real possibility for the first time since the early 90's.

Top Scorers:

- A.Dixon 18
- D.Sirett 18
- A.Brunning 12

The Reserves team has been improving all season but still find themselves near the foot of Division 2 but are confident a strong end to the season will see them move up the table. Too many games have been lost by the odd goal, but the team has stayed strong and true to their footballing beliefs and the mixture of youth and experience will hopefully see the Res winning more in 2012.

Top Scorers:

- N.Hore 10
- A.Armitage 5
- D.Armitage 4
- S.Ridgway 4

The veterans continue in their maiden season to have mixed results due to each game fielding different teams. We are still looking for more old players to return to the club – 35 years old and over - playing only 14 games a season with rolling subs e-mail play@greathorwoodfc.co.uk for details.

The Under 15's and 14's both topped their respective divisions at Christmas with strong performances throughout the season so far.

The Under 12's sit third in their division with some good matches played and games in hand on those above them. The under 11's are improving with new players coming along but still more required if anyone is interested in joining please e-mail play@greathorwoodfc.co.uk. The under 10's had a great run in the cup just going out by the odd goal in seven. Their league form lacks consistency but still shows some good results and performances.

The Great Horwood U10's Girls have continued to improve over the past couple of months and have recorded their first league win beating Mortonville 3-0 back in November. They were knocked out of the Cup 7-0 by a good Tattenhoe team who were mainly U10 girls whereas the Horwood squad is made up of three U10 and seven U9. They showed great determination and spirit the following week to only just lose 1-0 against the same team in the league. The girls have all individually and collectively improved throughout their maiden season and will be looking to pick up a couple more wins before the end of the season. Girls Squad :- Amber Cox, Chloe Arnott, Evie Sirett, Gerorgie Kilkenny, Katie Lee, Katie Thrift, Lara Goss, Millie Tyrrell, Rihanne Rush and Sarah Mullins.

The under 9's 8's and 7's all continue to enjoy their games with some very strong performances coming from all teams as they play the MKDDL friendly games prior to competing in competitive divisions from under 10's upwards.

Steve Bennett

Tic Toc Sing-a-long has come to an end

Thank you to all the mums and dads who have supported Tic Toc Sing-a-long and to the wonderful children who have made my Fridays such an enjoyable experience.

Tracey Wicks x

Real Bread

I've been making bread at home by hand regularly since going on a couple of courses last year and, as there has been a lot of media coverage of baking & real bread recently - Great British Bake Off, Hairy Bikers, The Big Bread Experiment, Real Bread Campaign - it had me wondering whether there was a market for real bread in the village?real bread, a bit rough around the edges, but crusty, and tasty, made with just flour, water, salt, yeast with no additives

I wondered whether anyone would be interested in buying hand-made bread by being part of a bread group or club? A bread group works on a subscription basis, so that a monthly payment secures a weekly loaf. I'd be happy to discuss figures once I knew what interest there may be - if there's not enough folk interested, I really don't mind!

The other option is to gauge interest in forming a community bread project, as a group of like-minded people interested in making bread collectively for the community, as seen on The Big Bread Experiment.

I have a full time job, and bake at home, so I have limited capacity and time, but I am keen to see what interest there may be in the village.

Please contact me on greenwaybaker@gmail.com or 07980705811.

Simon Ellis

Calling all Allotment Holders!

Hello fellow allotment holders of Great Horwood. Whilst the winter is here and the plots are quiet, I would like to know if you would be interested in a social gathering every other month, where we could do seed swapping, bulk orders, a bit of wisdom sharing and a good old moan about the weather, weeds and pest control!

How about a summer BBQ and our own village best allotment/produce competition? Please get in touch if you would be interested so as I can sort out a venue, I look forward to hearing from you .


Kate Jones 01296 712411

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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

LAST MEETING – MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2011

Community Consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council's formal response to answer the questions that are being asked by AVDC Forward Plans Department about the level of development in homes and businesses that you would like to see in the parish during the next 20 years was confirmed at our meeting and was subsequently submitted to AVDC. A copy of the submission is available from our website or you can ask our Clerk for a copy. Also included in this copy of Focus you will find an insert giving a detailed analysis of all of your responses to the questionnaire.

Planning Matters

The Village Green on The Green is now registered in the ownership of the Parish Council.

In my article in the December issue of Focus I reported that the applicants had withdrawn the application for the proposed development of a detached single storey building and car park on Land at School End (11/00411/APP). Shortly afterwards, however, they submitted a new application for the "Erection of dwelling house with detached garage" (11/02449/APP)

Grit/Salt Bins

It was agreed a new grit bin would be installed at the village end of Nash Road near to the parking area. It was also agreed that a further grit bin would be installed at the end of Singleborough Lane at the junction with the A421.

New Speed Limits

In early December the long awaited new speed limits around village were finally introduced and I am pleased to say that they incorporated the additions requested by the Parish Council back in June 2009.

Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following written report to the Council:

"A new metal pedestrian gate has been installed replacing one of the two difficult stiles on Footpath 4 between Pilch Lane and Singleborough. I am waiting to hear from Bucks County Council whether the other stile, at the same hedge/fence boundary can also be removed. All of the Parish's Footpaths and the bridleway have been inspected within the last five weeks and I am not aware of any problems".

Second Bus Shelter to be installed

As the cost of the replacement bus shelter in Little Horwood Road near The Green had been funded by a delegated budget allocation from Bucks CC it was agreed that the funds set aside by the Parish Council for this purpose could now be used to provide a new bus shelter in Little Horwood Road at the bus stop close to Townsend Cottages.

Allotments

All allotment holders have been sent letters asking if they would be interested in having a water supply installed on the site and how much they would be prepared to pay annually for the facility.

Diamond Jubilee

An independent committee has started work on the organisation of the village's celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and you can read a separate article on how things are progressing. We are hoping to be able to close off the High Street for the event which will take place during the afternoon and evening of the

Bank Holiday on Monday 4th June.

Also, see my other article earlier in the magazine about the availability of reduced price bunting.

Next Years Budget

We finalised our budget at the meeting and decided to keep the precept at the same level as in the current financial year so there will be no increase in the Parish Council's part of your Council tax bill.

Parish Council Website

For a more comprehensive report of the Parish Council meeting please read the minutes published on the website. (<http://www.bucksinfo.net/greathorwoodpc/>). This website also has updates of items on its latest news page.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention at any time please contact either the Clerk or any Councillor and we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which we always have a public participation period.

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council
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Tuesday	28th	February	– Thame Market. £3.50.
Thursday	1st	March	– Westcroft Shopping*
Tuesday	6th	March	– Buckingham Bus*
Thursday	8th	March	– Bicester Garden Centre £3.50.
Tuesday	13th	March	– Asda Shopping, Milton Keynes £3.00.
Thursday	15th	March	– Westcroft Bus.
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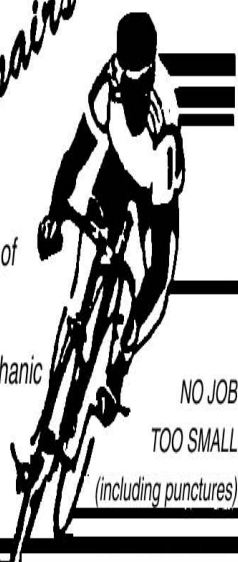
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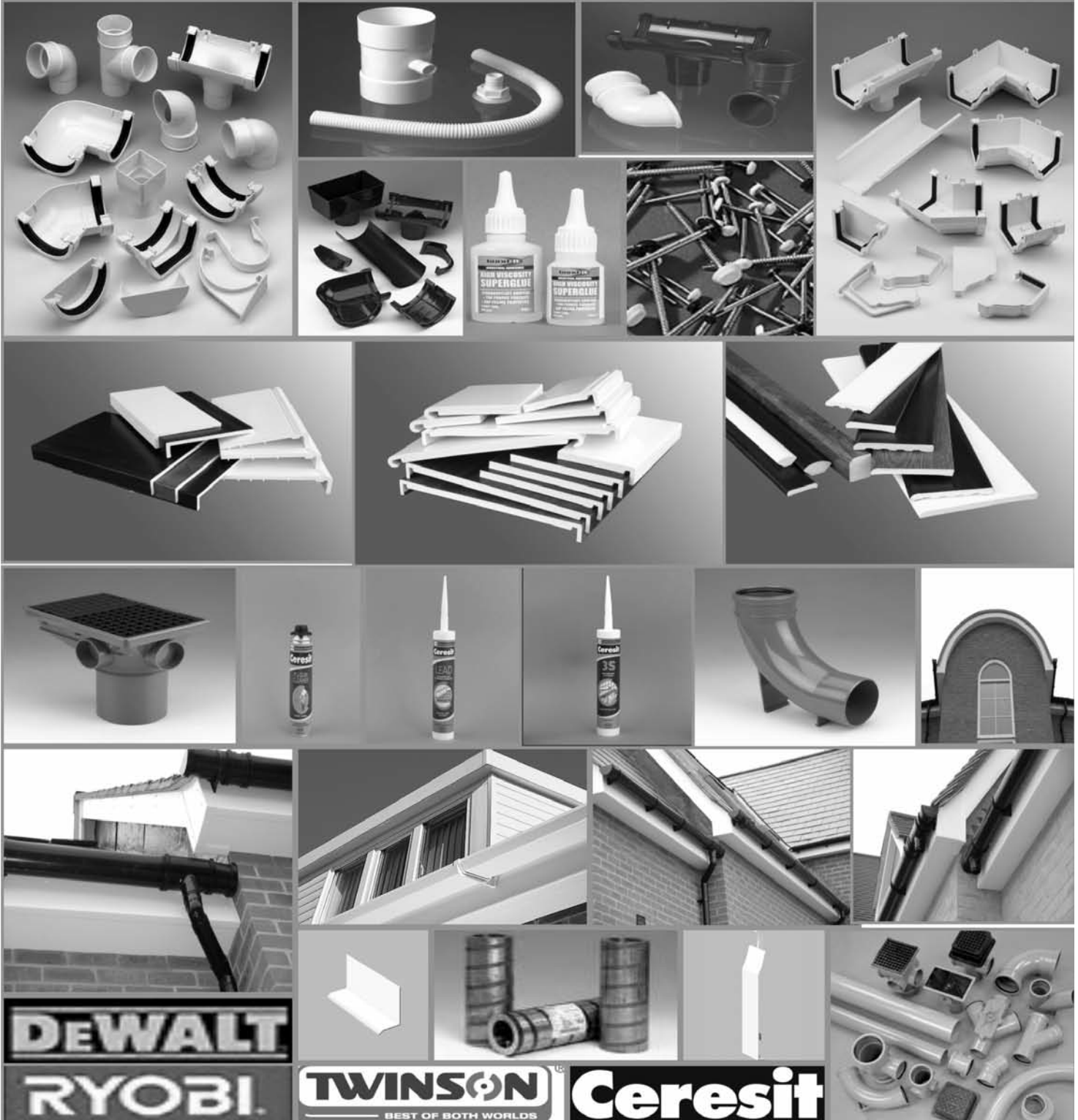
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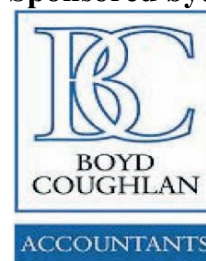
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