

Farewell from Belinda!

Rector of Winslow with Great Horwood and Addington



During my time serving here I have shared and enjoyed some wonderful services of various kinds which have encompassed very special moments in people's lives such as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals as well as the Eucharist, and the very special Come and Praise Service and the Service of the Word, both unique to Great Horwood. It has been a great privilege to serve here in Great Horwood as a priest where I have been invited to share in some very sad and poignant times as well as joyful events in the lives of people and families living here. I have tried to contribute along with many other people in the Village, church and non church, in helping to provide a listening ear and practical help as far as I have been able.

On reflection I have really ENJOYED my time here in this Benefice and I am going to miss everyone very much. It has been a hard decision to make to 'retire', (something a priest never really does) and while I will be continuing my ministry in some shape or form which no doubt God will reveal, I will have more time for my family and friends and for music, gardening

(we hope to get an allotment) and exploring the New Forest and coastline where we are going to live.

I would like to thank you all for the time here and wish everyone of Great Horwood a very happy future in this wonderful village.

Words can really do no justice to the experience of the last seven years but I would definitely like to say you have all given me and my family a very great deal in a variety of ways and for that I thank you very much indeed.

My last Service as Rector here is on February 9th in St James' Church at 11am and will be at the Come and Praise Service with the church band playing. Breakfast will be served as usual from 10.30am but there will also be 'Wine and Nibbles' after the Service as well.

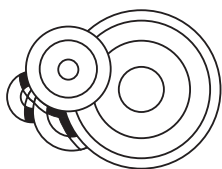
I would love to see you there!

Blessings and Love in Christ

Belinda x

Seven years ago I moved to Winslow with my husband, Paul and our animals Merlin the dog and Josh the cat, to become the new Incumbent of the Benefice of Winslow with Great Horwood, Singlebrough and Addington with its three beautiful churches of St Laurence, St James and St Mary's respectively.

I remember when I came for the two days of interviews and meetings in 2006, being taken to St James, Great Horwood and on entering the church being struck by its rustic quality with all the beautiful carved wood but also the spirituality of the building which has grown through hundreds of years of prayer and worship.



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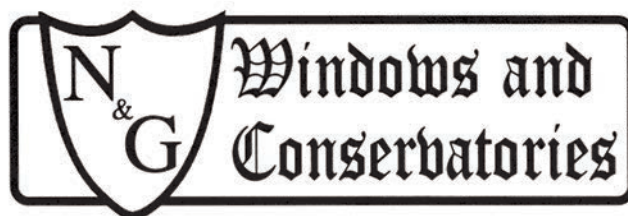
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St James' Services for February

		Sidesmen
2nd Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion
9th Feb	11.00am	Come and Praise
16th Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion
23rd Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
23rd Feb	11.00am	Service of the Word
2nd Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion

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Lighting of the Church Tower



We are grateful to Marc and Jo Bennett-Coles for their sponsorship of the Church lighting during the Christmas period.

In addition the Church was lit to remember the following occasions:

- 30th November to remember the passing of Sue Brazier's Father
- 8th December to remember Mr Blane
- 5th January in memory of Toby Terkelson's Birthday
- 11th January for Mrs Blane's Birthday

Ian Lamberton

Church Wall Update



Thank you to everyone who has so far contributed to the rebuilding of the Church Wall. We believe we have two thirds of the funds required and hope that we might reach our goal this year. For a final push towards our goal, donations can be delivered to either Russell Margerrison, 5 Wigwell Gardens or David Brazier, 17 the Close.

Thank you

Donations to 'FOCUS'



Thank you to **The Great Horwood Silver Band**, who nominated 'FOCUS' as one of the beneficiaries of the carol concert they did in Great Horwood Village Hall on the 8th of December last. They were also good enough to top up the money raised on the day from Band funds resulting in a very generous and much appreciated donation to 'FOCUS' of £150.

Thanks also to **Great Horwood Football Club**, who nominated 'FOCUS' to be the beneficiary of a very welcome donation from the Buckingham Charity Cup Competition that they competed in.

Dean White

Great Horwood School Annual Quiz Evening - Saturday 8th March



This year's annual quiz night will be held on 8th March. It is always an enjoyable evening and hot food is served a half time. Look out for notices around the village. For further information about booking a table for your team contact Tracey on 712772.

Sheila Landymore

Christmas Goodwill in Great Horwood



We would like to thank all the children and parents of Great Horwood School for their kind donations for the Christmas food parcels, which were delivered to the elderly in Great Horwood and Age UK. Everyone was extremely grateful and very appreciative.

With a special thank you to Jane Holland and Paul (from the Crown) for their generosity. Thank you also to John Moore for helping to deliver and Michelle Chadwick for administration.

Pam Jennings and Paula Davies

Village Hall



The Village Hall has been given a little facelift. We had a donation from Monica Jones' family and felt we should do something delicate so we went for wall lights and have displayed some of her artwork. They are lovely and gentle in the evenings at parties.

The wrought iron gates have also had a facelift out of donations to the hall so it's looking good. When the weather improves the youth group are going to do great things in the yard.

Hopefully you all know where a nice place to hold events is; "Your Village Hall"

Regular happenings are:

- Youth Club
- Parish Council
- Post Office
- Keep fit classes
- W I
- Great Horwood Silver Band
- Great Space for Parties
- We also have a free lending Library and Jigsaw swap

There is a Whist drive alternate Thurs evenings. Beginners welcome.

Friday there is an ART and Craft Group. Just come along at 10am; various things to do or do your own thing. Very relaxing to start your weekend. This is the perfect way to enjoy Village Life and make new Friends.

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Happy New Year!! to all our wonderful friends and
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**We are already taking bookings for Valentine's
Day on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th February**

and also for

Mothers Day Lunch 12pm – 5pm on Sunday 30th March

Please call us on 01296 714534 ASAP to book your tables.

Great Horwood 5k Fun Run Sunday 23rd March 2014



Great Horwood's annual 5k run is taking place on Sunday 23rd March starting at 12 noon.

I am very happy to announce that we have two new sponsors for this year's event:



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The Great Horwood PTA are very grateful for their sponsorship, so many thanks to them.

The run is a great opportunity to dust off those trainers with a goal to aim for. The event is always very well attended and fun for all ages and abilities. Hot and cold food will be provided on the day by the PTA and there is a medal for all finishers and trophies for the winners of individual categories. You will find an entry form on the back page of FOCUS. As always, we need help with marshalling on the day so if you think you would be able to assist, please let me know. Look forward to seeing many of you on the day!

Sheila Landymore tel: 711627

Can you help us at Medical Detection Dogs?

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We need volunteer Domestic Goddesses to help with the cleaning from 8-9am & 5-6pm Monday to Friday and volunteers that can help run our reception desk so that we have someone on reception from Monday to Friday.



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John, the Barber



Regrettably, John the Barber, who has frequented The Green almost every Thursday for the past nine years, has decided to retire from the mobile barber business on grounds of ill health from the end of January.

We wish John well in his retirement.

Karen Francis, Clerk to Great Horwood Parish Council

Horwode Pece - PAVING SLABS WANTED



Horwode Pece Management Committee would be very grateful if anyone has paving slabs they would care to donate to the Recreation Ground. We need them for under the bench and picnic table legs to stop the wood rotting; also this would aid strimming as we would not need to cut the grass under these benches and tables. We are able to collect them.

Please contact Liz Nicholls on 01296 715331 or email: liz.nicholls@lineone.net

It seems a long way off, but thinking of the summer, we plan to hold the Annual Picnic on the Pece on **Sunday 8th June**. Fingers crossed for some more lovely weather.

Liz Nicholls

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Lions Club of Winslow



Winslow Lions are pleased to welcome you to 2014. We thank you for your continued support throughout 2013.

Our last event of 2013 was the Carols in the Square. We would like to thank everyone who came and made the event even better than before. Santa was extremely pleased with you all for coming!

The Winslow 10k Run is on **Sunday 23rd February**; the course takes you out away from Winslow through the countryside towards Verney Junction and then onto East Claydon before returning to Winslow to finish. The race will begin and finish at Furze Down School, Verney Road, MK18 3BL and will get under way at **10.30am**.

If you wish to enter please go to our website and enter as soon as possible; there will be a very limited amount of race entries on the day. If you don't wish to run; that's fine! Please come out and line the route and encourage those who are involved in the race.

IMPORTANT COMPETITORS INFORMATION: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WEARING OF HEADPHONES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED THIS YEAR TO COMPLY WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS

Our defibrillator project is still on-going; it will be located on the front of the fire station on Winslow High Street. Without your support; this project would not be possible. Thank you for helping us to make a difference in Winslow.

The 9th Winslow Beer Festival is coming, 14th and 15th March. Details next month.

If you think we can help you; then contact us through the contacts listed below

Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

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Website	winslowlions.org.uk
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Great Horwood Silver Band



The Band has had our usual very busy Christmas period when we played Christmas Concerts in Potterspurty, and Great Horwood. We also played Carols around the tree in Hardwick where a collection was made for Hardwick Church, and around the tree in Adstock. We entertained the customers at Tesco in Buckingham on two occasions and toured Great Horwood on Christmas eve. A small group also played for a dinner in Winslow. Some band members also played around Great Horwood on Christmas morning as usual.

We would like to thank Margaret Michaelski for her help with collecting around Great Horwood on Christmas Eve, along with our band collectors Richard, Keith, Holly and Cher, they all did a great job.

We are now busy rehearsing for our annual concert in Buckingham Community Centre on Saturday March 8th.

100 Club winners for November were:

Julie Hart	£12
Ian Hart	£8

December winners were:

Keith Mould	£50
Gwen Brinklow	£12
Frances Robinson	£8

In 2013 we donated £1350 directly to Local and National charities including Cancer Research UK. Clic Sergeant, Blackberry Farm Animal Shelter, McMillan Nurses, Great Horwood Village Hall, Medical Detection Dogs, Great Horwood Focus, and Diabetes UK. In addition, we helped to raise a further £337 for Great Horwood Church and £300 BACAB.

We are now planning further Concerts for other charities this coming year on dates and venues yet to be decided.

Beryl Lack

W.I News



We started the year with an informative and entertaining talk about the origins of magic. From the street, to the theatre, to television, we heard of many magicians throughout the centuries who developed the mysterious art of magic, including, of course, Houdini and Paul Daniels. We heard how Prince Charles learnt the 3-cups trick so he could become a member of the Magic Circle. John Goodwin punctuated his talk with a series of magic tricks that held us enthralled by his sleight of hand.

In February we will be welcoming an Emergency Volunteer Rider to our monthly meeting on the 11th.

Also in February, some of our members will be going to the theatre to see "West Side story".

If you would like to know more about the Great Horwood and Singleborough WI, please ring:

Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933 or Angela Mayne 01296 715400

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**Future Development in Great Horwood:
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Great Horwood residents were out in force, eating cake, drinking tea and coffee and discussing the future of the place they call home.

Villagers were there from 11am on the dot; we had over 80 households from all over the village come through the doors.

The outcome of this? Most are resigned to building. The Vale of Aylesbury Plan has just been thrown out by the powers above so who knows what happens now? But this we do know: the villagers would much prefer the Planning Team with the support of the Parish Council to get on and form a plan that keeps the integrity of Great Horwood for generations to come. By this we mean smaller scale developments and affordable housing with locals in mind, dotted about the village in other appropriate areas as well as Weston Road over the 20 years originally asked of us, not the 40-55 houses that Taylor Wimpey want to build in one place now with 35% of that going to social housing.



Over 86 people signed a letter asking Mr Bill Nicholson, the Area Planning Manager at AVDC, to consider delaying

planning permission to Taylor Wimpey in favour of the work of our own Neighbourhood Planning Team (NPT). A copy of this letter and the signatures has been sent to Sir Beville Stanier who is Great Horwood's Ward of Parliament and Kris Hopkins the Housing Minister.

On another note we have a parishioner willing to join the NPT from Spring Lane, and 7 volunteers to form a committee in favour of the possibility of a community shop, so **is there anyone else who'd like add their name to that list?**

Lastly I'm very much in debt to those that helped make Sunday a success. Wendy Wright, Sheila Landymore, Derek and Nicola Booker, Lucy Rae, Liz Nicholls, Alan Marlow, Jill and Mick Wood, Rita Jenkins, Jo Waggot, Sarah Samways for homemade cakes, Jeanne and Rosemary for standing for four hours making the tea, everyone that contributed to biscuits, donated pennies that helped with the hire of the hall, all the people that offered to help, and last but not least my husband Ralph for

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Well done everyone.

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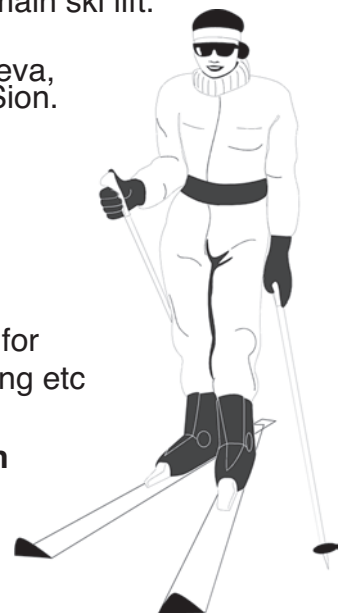
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Neighbourhood Plan

Since my last report in the December edition of Focus the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Team has had 2 meetings and the minutes are published on the Parish Council website.

In the meantime as I am sure you have all read that a Planning Inspector has rejected the Vale of Aylesbury Plan as submitted by AVDC on 2 main counts:-

- *The housing and job numbers in the plan.*
- *The duty to cooperate with adjacent local authorities.*

The lack of a current up-to-date plan for Aylesbury Vale will now almost certainly lead to a large number of speculative applications by landowners and developers thus creating a free for all with the inevitable result that we will eventually get many more houses built in the Vale than if AVDC had managed to put in place a reasonable and acceptable plan based on its research over the last 3 - 4 years.

We have been told that over 80 people attended the open session in the village hall on Sunday the 12th January and that there was widespread support for the Neighbourhood Planning Team to continue with the work of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

At our meeting on 14th January the team agreed to continue with its work on the understanding that without a new Vale of Aylesbury Plan in place it is even more important than ever that we have a Neighbourhood Plan. We believe that this can still be achieved even in the absence of a Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

We decided that we should continue to resist large scale development and also developments of large expensive houses and continue to support developments which are appropriate in terms of scale and location and that consist of low cost/affordable smaller family homes. To this end we decided to invite the landowners of sites C, G and A to attend a public meeting to confirm their acceptance of this type of scheme and our consultants would then be available to meet with them for further discussions on more detailed plans.

In the meantime we have been informed by Taylor Wimpey that they have an option from Mr Hanson on site C (at the end of Weston Road). They have also informed us that they will be carrying out a public consultation starting in the week commencing 20th January and we have seen that they have already carried out extensive surveys of the site and surrounding area. We will continue to monitor the way that the Taylor Wimpey proposal develops and if necessary support the Parish Council in opposition to any unsuitable development proposal that they make.

Movable Vehicle Activated (Speed) Signs (MVAS) Installation

As I am sure that you have seen, the MVAS has been in operation on the Winslow Road entrance to the village since 20th November with short breaks to allow for the batteries to be re-charged. We now have spare batteries so that when the batteries in the unit run down they can be replaced with fully charged ones thus reducing the time that the unit is out of action. Following consultation with local residents, the two additional sites for the movable unit were installed on 13th January at the top of Nash Road adjacent to The Green and in Little Horwood Road at the junction with The Close. This means that we are now able to move the units between the 4 different sites, including the one in Singleborough.

On the 15th January we had training in the village hall on how to download and analyse the data from the unit. Once we have collected this data and can show that many vehicles are speeding as they enter the village at one of the sites we can then ask Thames Valley Police to carry out an exercise to check, stop and prosecute the offenders.

Recreation Committee

Despite the appallingly wet weather that we had over the Christmas period I hope you have had the opportunity to visit Horwode Pece over the last few weeks and seen the new balance triple beam and pods that were installed in November. The funding for this was obtained through a successful

application to the Local Priorities Budget of the BCC Winslow and District Local Area Forum.

Parish Council Budget and Council Tax for 2014/15

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that the Parish Council has set the same level of precept as for the previous 3 years and so there will be no increase in the Parish Council part of your Council Tax. However, as I write this it seems that both Bucks County Council and AVDC are planning to increase their part of your Council Tax by 1.99%. Under Government rules if they were to increase their Council Tax level by 2.0% or more than they would have to carry out a referendum of all their voters to obtain approval for the rise. So the proposed 1.99% is the maximum available without the need for a referendum.

Parish Council Website

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

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention at any time please contact either the Clerk or any Councillor and we are 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 10th February 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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Thursday	20th February	- Local Snowdrop run and pub lunch. Travel £6.00
Thursday	27th February	- Westcroft Bus *
Tuesday	4th March	- Buckingham Bus*
Thursday	6th March	- Local Lunch at The Pilgrim pub North Marston. Travel £3.00.
Monday	10th March	- Asda Shopping. £3.00.
Thursday	13th March	- Westcroft Bus*
Tuesday	18th March	- Thame Market £3.00.
Thursday	27th March	- Westcroft Bus*
Saturday	29th March	- Come to our Coffee Morning at the St Laurence Rooms 10-12pm.

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Wednesday	30th April	- Black Coffee. Robert Powell as the new Poirot. £29.50 Stalls Row N
Wednesday	7th May	- Dance til Dawn. Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace.Circle Row H £18.50
Wednesday	14th May	- Fame. A feel-good triumph. Circle Row J £21.50
Wednesday	28th May	- Pygmalion. Classic British drama. Circle Row D £23.50
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