

FOCUS

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum on 5th March

As I reported in the December edition of 'FOCUS', the hearing by an independent examiner on the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Development Plan took place on 27th November in the Village Hall. WELL DONE to all those residents who attended the hearing and especially to those who managed to stay throughout the whole 5 hours that the hearing lasted.

The examiner published his report in the first week of January. It is 53 pages long and **its conclusion is that subject to certain modifications to the plan that he has proposed, it will meet the 'Basic Conditions'** (criteria that the plan must comply with) **and can be submitted to referendum.**

The examiner's report and the revised plan including the modifications required by the examiner are now available on the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Parish Council website. (<http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/>).

I have included below a few quotes from the report:

"The Parish Council are to be commended on the quality of the Neighbourhood Plan produced and submitted for examination."

"From the Consultation Statement (as required by the Regulations) submitted with the Neighbourhood Plan it is clear that the local community were engaged at various times during preparatory work. There were open parish meetings and numerous announcements concerning the development of the Neighbourhood Plan."

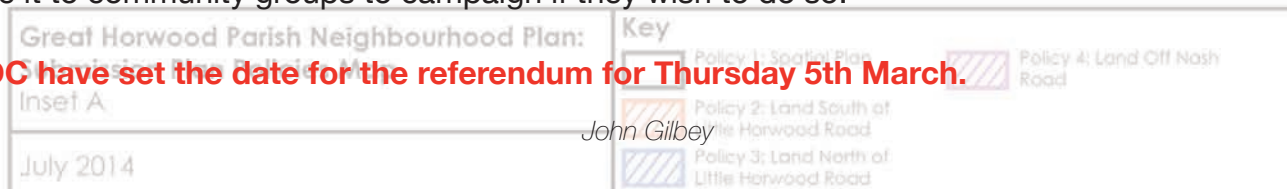
"There is also evidence that the Parish Council has pro-actively sought to engage with landowners, their agents and/or developers. Notably a key community engagement event intended to present and seek comments on the Parish Council's preferred sites for the Neighbourhood Plan was broadened out to also include the presentation of alternative sites by their prospective developers."

"In conclusion I am satisfied that the consultation process has been carried out in an open, comprehensive and robust manner."

The Parish Council supports the Neighbourhood Plan but it cannot campaign for any particular outcome to the referendum: **that is a matter for you, the voters in the parish of Great Horwood, to decide.** The Parish Council will, therefore, publish information about the referendum only and leave it to community groups to campaign if they wish to do so.

AVDC have set the date for the referendum for Thursday 5th March.

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15th Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion
18th Feb	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday
22nd Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
22nd Feb	11.00am	Service of the Word

March

1st Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Ash Wednesday Service



The Ash Wednesday Service will take place this year on **Wednesday 18th February at 8pm**. This is a service to mark the start of our time of Lent, as we look forward to the joy of Easter. During the service the imposition of ashes may be received. Everyone is welcome.

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will once again be held in St James' Church starting on **Wednesday 25th February at 12 noon**. Come and join us for a delicious home-made lunch, including soup, bread and cake. All welcome.

Lighting of the Church Tower

The tower was lit to remember the following occasions:

- On the 24th November to remember Ted's passing 2 years ago
- On the 30th November in memory of Sue Brazier's father
- On the 8th December for Mr Blanes's Birthday
- On the 5th January in memory of Toby Terkelson's Birthday
- On the 11th January for Mrs Blane

Ian Lamberton

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Thank you to Great Horwood and Singleborough WI for your kind donation to FOCUS.

Thanks also to the Parish Council for your generous donation.

Dean White

Council Elections – NEW COUNCILLORS NEEDED



On **Thursday 7th May** elections will take place for your Parish Council.

Some existing councillors have indicated they will not be standing again so some **new Councillors are needed**. If you can spare couple of evenings per month, would like to play a part in the development of your local community and help shape the future of our village then please consider becoming a Parish Councillor for Great Horwood & Singleborough.

More details will be in next month's Focus but if you would like more information **please contact me** at clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk or on 712941.

Karen Francis (Clerk to the Council)

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Try something new in 2015!

Why not come and see what your local WI is up to in 2015?

- Interesting speakers
- Theatre trips – The Full Monty in January (who knows what next!)
- Outings – the BBC, British Museum and Gawcott vineyard in 2014
- Dabble in new crafts
- Go for rambles

We're a friendly bunch, we meet in the Village Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month

2015 is the Centenary of the WI in the UK, so there will be lots of extra National and County events

Come and see us, visitors are always welcome. 1st meeting FREE!

Contact Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933 or Angela Mayne 01296 715400



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Upcoming Events...

Quiz night - Every first sunday of the month from 7pm

Bingo - Every third sunday of the month from 7pm

14th February - Valentines menu. Book now (free bubbly on arrival)

18th February - Acoustic band & steak night. Book now

28th February - "Alvin the ultimate Elvis" tickets £5 in advance

March - Antiques and Collectors fair. Enquire at pub to book a pitch

March - Comedy night. More details to follow

March - Charles Wells brewery tour. Enquire at pub for details

At our first meeting of 2015 we had a good turnout for our speaker Nikki Tipping, who told us about her experiences as a police officer. Nikki became a police officer at 40 after working as a traffic warden. She passed around her stab-proof vest, weighing 15kilos - a relief to remove at the of the shift, and showed us her handcuffs and baton. Nikki told us the Thames valley police force is one of the largest outside the London and Manchester Metropolitan areas. Her patch extends from Turweston to Whaddon and includes Buckingham. At the moment the main concerns are: the increasing use of drugs in Buckingham and on a more domestic front - the theft of heating oil. Nikki reminded us to ring 101 if we see anything unusual.

Our next meeting, in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 10th February** will be a **Quiz night and Social evening**. Visitors are always welcome.

Ann Biggins

Great Horwood School PTA - Dates for the Diary



It was lovely to see so many villagers at the Christmas Bazaar which raised a lot of money for the School.

Below are some forthcoming events which we hope to see many of you at.

Movie Themed Quiz Night - Saturday 28th February

Another popular quiz evening at the School. This time teams can be from 2 to 8 people at £6 a head (including a hot supper). The theme is "The Movies" and it is sure to be a fun night. For more info tel Sheila on 711627 and look out for posters around the village.

Annual Great Horwood 5k Mad March Hare Run

This year's run is on Sunday 22nd March. We have been very kindly sponsored again this year by Marble Arts and PS Properties, so many thanks to them. Entry form on the back page so get those trainers on and look forward to seeing you in March!

Sheila Landymore

Lions Club of Winslow



Running into 2015! - The Winslow Lions are already up and running in 2015!

We are proud to present one of our largest events, our traditional post-Christmas 10km run for those who wish to burn off some calories!! **The Winslow 10k Run is on Sunday 22rd 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, and get underway 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 10th Winslow Beer Festival is on **Friday 20th and Saturday 21st March**. Tickets will be available to be purchased from 1st March at The Bell Hotel, Winslow. We hope to have coverage of the final round of 6 Nations Games over our Saturday afternoon session. We will also be revealing the Beers and Ciders that will be available at the festival from 1st March via our Facebook and Twitter Pages.

If you are interested in sponsoring a beer at the festival, you can contact us at www.winslowlions.org.uk, but be quick before they are all gone!

Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

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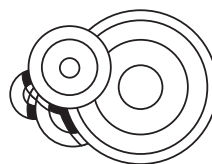


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The Band had their usual very busy Christmas season, starting with the Christmas Concert in Great Horwood Village Hall where the sum of £250 was raised for the Singleborough and Great Horwood Youth Club. The band played twice at Tesco and twice at the Buckingham Garden Centre. They played Carols around the Christmas tree in Adstock where they were joined by a large number of Adstock villagers and friends who sang Carols with the band. On Christmas eve the Band toured Great Horwood (see photo above). Some local members also played around Great Horwood on Christmas morning. We thank all those who contributed to our collection which helps keep the Band solvent throughout the year and enables us to play concerts and raise funds for other worthwhile charities.

We thank Margaret Michaelski, Sandra and Stuart Birrell, Lesley and Michael Brocklehurst for generously giving their time to collect around the village for us on Christmas eve. Their help was very much appreciated by us all.

Last year the band raised over £1100 for other charities including Parkinsons Aylesbury Branch, Willen Hospice, Buckingham Twinning association, Breast Cancer Care, Diabetes UK and Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club.

On Wednesday 7th January the band met in the Village hall for a photo session with Phil Dyer of People Photos. Emma, our percussionist, was home from university and was able to join us for the session. She also hopes to be home for the concert in March. You can see photos of the band and collectors on the band website address: www.freewebs.com/greathorwood

We still need another percussionist. If anyone is interested in playing percussion with us we would be pleased to hear from them.

The band's next engagement will be the **Annual Concert in the Buckingham Community Centre on Saturday 7th March 7.30pm**. Entry on the door £7 and £5 concessions. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

We congratulate our bass trombone player Colin Nichols and Janet Levitt on their forthcoming wedding at the end of January and wish them both every happiness.

100 Club winners for December were:

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- Beryl Lack: £12
- Ian Hart: £8

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Chairman's Monthly Report

Last Meeting – Monday 8th December 2014

Gypsy Site in Nash Road

On 26th November Cllr Scholtens and I attended a meeting at the offices of AVDC at which the following personnel were present:

Neil Blake, Leader of AVDC; Carole Paternoster, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning; Sir Beville Stanier; Tracey Aldworth, Director; Susan Kitchen, Manager Development Management; Andy Kirkham, Forward Plans Manager; and three representatives from Nash Parish Council, to discuss the future of the traveller site on the edge of the Parish boundary towards Nash.

It became clear during the discussions that the failure of the Vale of Aylesbury Plan to proceed to a conclusion and the fact that the new Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan is not expected to be adopted until 2017 means that AVDC is no further forward in its plans to identify sites in the district for Gypsies and Travellers as required by current legislation than it was when temporary planning consent was given for the site in Nash Road in November 2011

Therefore, the expectation is that further temporary planning permission will be granted when the current term expires in November of this year and it is even possible that permanent permission could be granted for the current development on the site.

Defibrillator for the Village

Cllr Mayne explained the information that she had obtained on the costs involved and the Council unanimously agreed that the order should be placed for the defibrillator to be purchased and installed on the front wall of the Village Hall and be paid for from Parish Council funds

Devolved Services from Bucks County Council (BCC)

Further information has been provided from BCC regarding devolved services including the cutting of the grass verges in the parish and it is obvious that the budget being provided by BCC would not cover the contractor's costs to carry out the works to an acceptable standard. Additional clarification is also needed on how the calculations for the work needed in the Parish has been carried out.

Therefore it was unanimously agreed that we would not participate in any devolved services for the next financial year commencing in April 2015 and the Clerk would write back to BCC confirming this. A decision on taking on responsibility for the services in the following years would be a question for the new Parish Council to be elected in May 2015.

Second Draft of Budget 2015/2016

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated the second draft of the budget for Councillors to consider. A small number of amendments had been made and the revised budget was unanimously agreed. The precept that was set will mean that the charge to residents for the Parish Council part of their Council Tax will remain unchanged.

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 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 **Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 9th February.**

*John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council
john@gilbey98.freemove.co.uk*



Great Horwood

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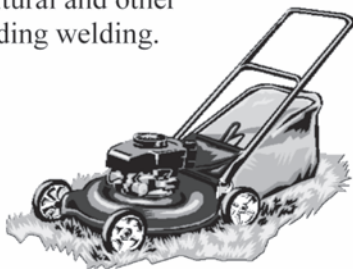
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Thurs	12th Feb:	Westcroft Bus*
Tues	17th Feb:	See the snowdrops at Waterperry Gardens. £15 includes entrance.
Thurs	19th Feb:	Anglesey Abbey snowdrops. £10 travel (entrance not included).
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Tues	24th Feb:	Frosts Garden Centre. Back by popular demand! £5.
Thurs	26th Feb:	Westcroft Bus*
Tues	3rd March:	Buckingham Bus* Town and Tesco.
Thurs	5th March:	Local Lunch at The Crown Gt Horwood. £3 travel.
Mon	9th March:	Buckingham Garden Centre £3.50 travel. Free tea or coffee on arrival and 10% off lunch.
Thurs	12th March:	Westcroft Bus*
Thurs	19th March:	Lunch at The Chequers Inn Weston Turville. 2 courses £14, £4.50 travel.

**Saturday 21st March – COFFEE MORNING at St Laurence Room, Market Square

Mon	23rd March:	Asda Shopping £4
Tues	24th March:	Visit The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge – lovely museum, exhibitions include Treasured Possessions From Renaissance to Enlightenment. £10.
Thurs	26th March:	Westcroft Bus*
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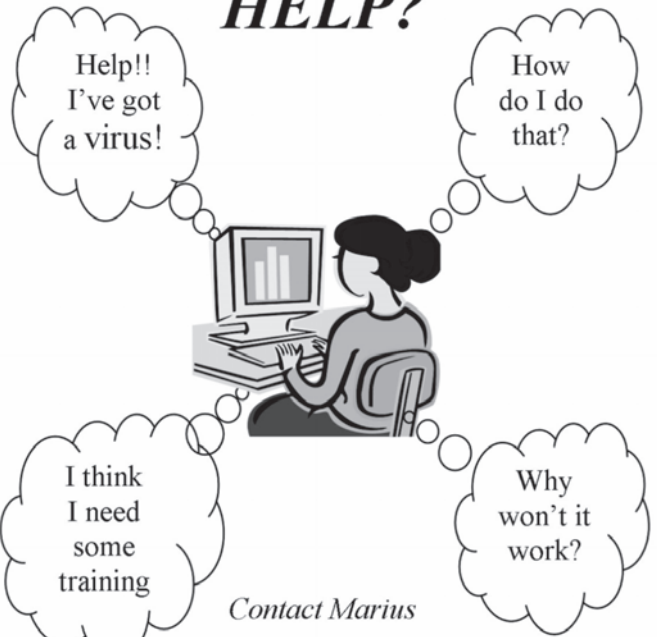
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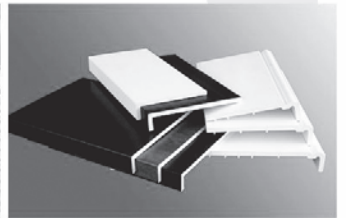
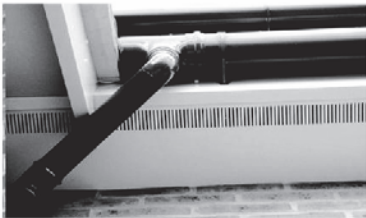


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