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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we don't have a Focus in January can we wish all our readers a very Happy New Year! January always seems like a long month after the celebrations at Christmas with dark mornings on the journey to work/school repeated for the commute home. Some days the sun doesn't seem to rise at all but by the time you read this at least the days will be drawing out.

We did have our own celebrations to brighten the first weekend in January. The 12th night on the 6th January is traditionally when the Christmas decorations are taken down by but also in the western church it is Epiphany the arrival of the 3 wise men who came to see Jesus after his birth. We celebrated this in St James' Church on Sunday 7th January when the 3 kings arrived at our nativity scene.

We also had another special celebration as Mary Vaudrey had her 90th birthday that weekend.

The church family gathered after our service to share fizz, nibbles and birthday cake with Mary on her special day.



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Church Times

St James' Services for February 2018

			Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
4th Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Finnemore	I Lamberton
11th Feb	11.00am	Come and Praise	P Moyles	D Brazier	S Brazier
14th Feb	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	D Brazier	-	-
18th Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
25th Feb	11.00am	Come and Share	D Brazier	J Brigden	Clergy
March					
4th Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	C Finnemore	I Lamberton

Church Key Rota: David Moore - 713281

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will again be served in the Village Hall starting on February 21st and run for 6 weeks until the 28th March. We start serving at 12 noon and all are welcome to join us for a delicious homemade lunch of Soup & Bread with Cake and Tea or Coffee to follow. For more information contact June Margerrison on 714554.

Easter Lilies

As many of you will know, St James' is decorated at Eastertime with lilies which can be purchased in memory of a loved one. The cost this year is £2 per lily or £5 for three lilies. If you would like to do so, please complete the memory list at the back of the Church and give any monies to June Margerrison at 5 Wigwell Gardens or Sue Brazier at 17 The Close.





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How can Great Horwood become more dementia friendly?

The Schorne Team of Parishes, in partnership with the Winslow Benefice, is hosting an afternoon tea for all parishes, with an informative talk by Hazel Reynolds, who is a Dementia Friendly Champion. The purpose of the talk is to enable those attending to become dementia friends by increasing their awareness of dementia. Doctors' surgeries, dentists, local pubs, shops and hairdressers will also be invited.



Date: Saturday 24th February

Venue: St John's Hall, Whitchurch

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

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CHILDREN AND
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Visit from the Dean of St Albans Cathedral to St Laurence, Winslow



The Benefice look forward to welcoming Canon Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans Cathedral at St Laurence Church, Winslow on Sunday 11th February. Please join us for Choral Evensong, starting at 6pm. All welcome.

Ash Wednesday Service



The Ash Wednesday Service will take place this year on Wednesday 14th 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.

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Great Horwood Village Hall



Great Horwood Village Hall Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30 Post Office and coffee morning. Come and have a chat and a coffee or tea, pay your bills, get cash back, post your letters and parcels at the Post Office. A really friendly morning amongst fellow villagers.

Friday 9.00 - 12.00 Art and Craft Group.

We all tend to do our own thing which can be a mixture of art and craft. Craft includes knitting, sewing, crochet, papercraft and any other project that takes our fancy. Visitors are always welcome so why not come and see what we do.

Whist. The next meeting is on Thursday 1st February. Doors open 7.00 and we finish about 10.00. We are willing to teach you if you don't know how to play.

The Village Hall is a great place to hold your parties and meetings. We also hire out our tables and chairs.

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Visit from Archdeacon on 25th February to St James'



We welcome Guy Elsmore, Archdeacon of Buckinghamshire to St James'. Our new hymn books will be blessed during the Come and Share service. All welcome.

Lent Course



A Lent Course will be run for the Benefice this year at the St Laurence Room, Market Square, Winslow. Three interesting talks on Prayer will take place on 22nd February, 1st March and 15th March all starting at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Blocked Drains in Singleborough

On 13 December 2017 the main sewer down Singleborough Lane became blocked and overflowed. Anglian Water found that this was due to "sanitary products and baby wipes" which were blocking the pump which is outside Orchard Bungalow. Anglian Water said it would consider a "leaflet drop" to local residents connected to the sewer (some may have septic tanks instead) asking them to avoid putting such stuff down the toilet. No such leaflets have been circulated yet.

Thanks, *Robert Deuchar,*
Old Dean Farm, Singleborough, MK17 0RF.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Whilst chatting at our meetings of the Art and Craft Group, we thought it would be nice to 'bomb' the village with handmade poppies in November for the WW1 Commemorations.



These could be knitted, crocheted or made of any waterproof material to be attached to walls, fences and hedges.

If you feel you could help or donate red wool etc. please give me a call on 715331 or call in to our meetings, every Friday, 9am 'til noon

Liz Nicholls.

Annual Great Horwood 5k Mad March Hare Run - Sunday 25th March at 12 noon



We hope to see many of you at this year's fun run. Even if you haven't run before, it is a great event to train and aim for. If running isn't your thing, you are welcome to come and walk the course too. We welcome all ages and abilities. There is a medal for all finishers and trophies in different age categories. The PTA will provide hot and cold refreshments and there will be a raffle too. This year we are kindly being sponsored by Red Eye Events, a local company that specialises in F1 events, with the British GP being their main event. Thank you very much to them! As always, we are looking for help with marshalling on the day and any raffle prizes. This event is one of the biggest fundraisers for the Great Horwood C of E School so we are hoping for lots of entrants this year. Entry form enclosed. If you have any questions, need more entry forms or would like to help at all, please contact Sheila Landymore on 01296 711627.



Monday 7.30pm Furze Down School

Wednesday 7.30pm Furze Down School

Friday 9.30am St Laurence Room

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Great Horwood Silver band

The Len Goodwin Memorial Concert held in the Village hall on Saturday 18th November was very well attended and raised the magnificent sum of £700 for the Medical Detection Dogs Charity.



Sadly our soprano cornet player George Shaw died just before Christmas. George has been playing in the band for 49 years and played with us until very recently. George was an excellent player and will be sadly missed. The band members formed a guard of honour at his funeral and music from the bands latest CD were played during the service. We were also sad to hear that Nigel Pickets a former member of the band was killed in an accident just before Christmas. We sent our condolences to both families.

The Bands Christmas engagements went very well. The concert in the United Reformed Church in Potterspurpy on December 2nd was well attended by an appreciative audience and the organisers have invited us to perform another Concert in December this year.

The Concert in the Great Horwood Village hall raised £175 for the Great Horwood Scout group.

The carol singing around the tree in Adstock was very well attended with Villagers singing with the band. Punch and mince pies were served and a collection was made for Willen Hospice.

The band used the new stand lights for the first time for this occasion. They proved outstandingly successful and very useful indeed. Photos of the lamps can be seen on our website home page.

We thank the Great Horwood Parish Council for so generously providing us with the grant to purchase the lights, as we will now be able to perform on occasions where there is poor or no lighting provided.

The band played Carols on three occasions at Tesco Buckingham in December and were very well received, with many complimentary comments from both Staff and Customers.

Rehearsals are now beginning for the Band's annual Concert in the Buckingham Community Centre in March.

We are already receiving requests for the band to play at various functions during the summer.

Last year the band raised £1859 for other charities, including Medical Detection Dogs, Great Horwood Youth Club, Diabetes UK, British Heart Foundation, Great Horwood Village Hall, Potterspurpy United Reformed Church and Alzheimer's UK.

We thank the volunteers who collected for us over the Christmas period and those who helped at the concerts, these volunteers are vital to the success of the band and we are very grateful to them.

We are still recruiting new members for the band. We would be very pleased to hear from anyone of any age who would like to learn to play a brass instrument. Instruments and tuition can be provided free of charge. If you are interested in learning to play please contact

Beryl on 01908 510809 for further information

If you would like to visit the band website to see the latest news please visit the band website on www.greathorwoodband.com

Beryl Lack

Tel 01908 510809 beryl.lack@btinternet.com

Thank you!

I would like to thank my family, neighbours and friends for all the help given to me following my accident in November when I fractured my shoulder. The kindness and good wishes were very much appreciated by Derek and myself.

Sylvia Whitehall

FITBIT FOUND

A fitbit has been found down the Rec, if you think it is yours, please contact Liz and John Nicholls on 715331 who can ask you for some more details and reunite you!

TAKE THE FOUR WEEK CHALLENGE!

Try Scouting for yourself



Would you like to ...

- Spend some quality time with your child?
- Develop your own skills?
- Have fun and rediscover adventure?
- Give something back to the community?

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Week 1 Come along and see what we get up to

Week 2 Start to help out

Week 3 Get a little more involved - maybe run an activity

Week 4 By now you'll know if Scouting is for you.

We have a wide range of flexible vacancies either supporting young people or behind the scenes. Even if you can only give an hour a month, any help is truly amazing!

Lions Club of Winslow

Running into 2018!

The Winslow Lions are already up and running in 2018!

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 25th 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 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 Winslow Beer Festival is on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March. Tickets will be available to be purchased from 1st March at The Bell Hotel. 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!



Lions Club of Winslow

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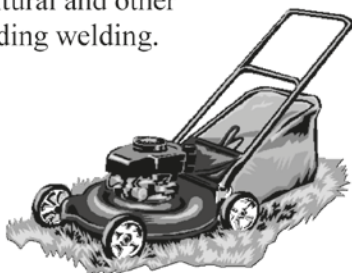
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Great Horwood
Parish Council

Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting - Monday 11 December 2017

The Parish Council was saddened and shocked at the beginning of December to learn of the untimely death of John Scholtens. John was a member of the Parish Council for several years and Chairman for a year. He was much involved in the early stages of the development of the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan. The December meeting marked his death with a minute's silence and sent its sincere condolences to his family.

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At the December meeting it was good to be able to make grants to support various organisations which contribute to the life of the village - including the School, the Football Club, the Silver Band, the Scouts and the Winslow Community Bus. The Parish Council received reports on footpaths and Horwode Pece. The Council is very grateful for all the unsung work carried out keeping these facilities in such good order throughout the year for enjoyment by the community.

Planning matters take up a great deal of the Parish Council's time. At the December meeting it was noted that AVDC had approved the reserved matters application in relation to the redevelopment of the Horwode Mill site.

It is good that this derelict and dangerous building will be removed. The Neighbourhood Planning team initially considered including the former Mill site in the Neighbourhood Plan arguing that it was the only brownfield site in the parish and many residents wished it to be used for housing.

This did not meet with AVDC's approval at that stage, despite repeated requests. Nevertheless, a planning application to build seven houses on the site was made and was approved on appeal in 2016. Since then the proposal has been modified in respect of the size and design of the houses, the removal of a pedestrian access through Horwode Pece, the provision of a pedestrian access on to Spring Lane and the inclusion of restricted vehicle access for the residents to Spring Lane. The only remaining area of difference was the question of access.

Great Horwood Parish Council had argued strongly for access to be restricted to the road through Greenway Business Park - as proposed in the initial planning application. It is disappointing that AVDC were not persuaded by the Parish Council's detailed argument that access to these proposed properties should be through the Greenway Business Park rather

than along Spring Lane and thus protect the residents of Spring Lane from additional traffic.

The Parish Council agreed to write to AVDC to propose that in the interests of safety of residents of Spring Lane and, in particular, users of Horwode Pece, that the Construction Management Plan should require access for the development of the site to be through Greenway Business Park.

For a more comprehensive report of the recent 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 the Clerk or any Councillor. We are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which there is always a public participation period. The next meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 12 February 2018 in the Village Hall.

Mary Saunders

Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council
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GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL Useful Contact Details



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Parish Council

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Parish Council Website

www.bucksinfo.net/greathorwoodpc

Great Horwood Village Hall Bookings	01296 712165
Doctors Car Service	07704 140110
Winslow and District Community Bus	01296 715786
Aylesbury Vale Dial-a-Ride	01296 330088

Community Police Officer

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Great Horwood Brownies and Guides

In November, the Brownies and Guides went on our first residential trip in many years. We spent a wonderful weekend staying in the yurts at the Caldecotte Xperience in Simpson, Milton Keynes.



We had campfires, toasted marshmallows, entertained each other with silly skits and the girls took part in a range of adventurous, outdoor activities: caving, archery, fencing, bushcraft, climbing and high ropes. For quite a few girls, this was the first time they'd stayed away from home without their parents or grandparents and all the girls tried activities that they'd never tried before. They were all very

brave and tried hard with every challenge that was thrown at them. Everyone really enjoyed themselves - even the leaders - and we can't wait to start planning our next residential.

We do have some spaces available for more girls who would like to have a lot of fun, learn new skills, make new friends, go on adventures, get creative, explore the world around them and earn badges for doing so. If you would like to find out more about Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (7-10) or Guides (10-14) please contact me on 01296 712034, 07501 636037 or email claremartin71@btinternet.com. Although, Girlguiding isn't open to boys, we also have Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in the village so no child needs to miss out on the range of fun and exciting activities we have to offer. To find out about Beavers (aged 6-8), please contact Clare Lewis-Evans: clare@lewis-evans.co.uk. For Cubs (aged 8-11), please contact Yvonne Taylor: adcbandc@uwclub.net and, for Scouts (aged 10½-14), please contact Andy Fuggle: andrewfuggle@hotmail.co.uk. We'd all also be delighted to hear from any adults who might be interested in joining Guiding or Scouting.

Clare Martin



W.I. News

December was a very busy and creative month with a workshop making Christmas wreaths, pinflair baubles and table decorations. The beautiful wreaths adorned many doors and tables over the festive season. During our Christmas party we decorated large pine cones while enjoying wine and nibbles.

Our speaker in January was Mr David Garlick who gave us a very interesting talk on his Customs and Excise duties on the Pacific island of Vanuatu where he lived for some time in the 1980s. Life there was so different from ours but the island sounded such a beautiful place despite the hardships.

In February we have a trip to see *The Play That Went Wrong* at Aylesbury Theatre and our next meeting will be on 13th February when our speaker is from Beautifully Different, Winslow.

If you are interested in coming along to a meeting please contact Angela Mayne: 715400 or our secretary Monica Gilbey: 711915. You would be very welcome.

Sally Ahern



LOCAL CAUSES BENEFIT FROM PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Great Horwood Parish Council received 8 applications from local groups for grants this year. Cheques were due to be presented at the PC meeting on 11th December, however the snow prevented most recipients from attending. The following Great Horwood organisations were successful: Combined CE School, Football Club, Scouts and Guides, Silver Band and Winslow and District Community Bus. Congratulations to all.



John Huskinson accepts a cheque on behalf of Great Horwood CE Combined School.



Right, Paul Kerridge accepts a cheque on behalf of Great Horwood Scouts and Guides.

PARKING :PLEASE KEEP GREAT HORWOOD A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL.

Yes, a broken record is jarring! However, the Parish Council asks that residents using the public pavement for parking allow plenty of room for its primary user – **the pedestrian.** I will re-re-re-mention that white lines on village roads are there for a reason and parking on them is inconsiderate to other road users. Common sense and consideration are needed to keep everyone safe. Thank you



SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

A second Sentinel Speed Watch kit is being purchased and will be hosted by Great Horwood.

The kit is funded by the Winslow and District Local Area Forum for use by local villages. With your help we will be able to monitor traffic more frequently in order to address local concerns about speeding through the village. Winslow Road remains the most problematic and will be prioritised. The Parish Council is very pleased to see the Thames Valley Police traffic monitoring team paying random visits. Our thanks also go to Mick Wood for his sterling work with the MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Speed monitor). Mick and Gill move it to various locations through the village and recharge it frequently. Mick also downloads traffic speed statistics for the PC and you might like to know that the average speed of traffic (I have simplified the data) has reduced from 42 mph to 41 mph on Winslow Road. This is a start.



Please help by volunteering for the Speed Watch team. We STILL need lots of volunteers, especially if you are available during the morning and evening rush hour or at weekends. If you can help, please call Jane Holland on 01296 715704 or email jane.holland.313@btinternet.com. It only takes an occasional hour and the kit is simple to assemble and use.

ALLOTMENTS

Allotments in Church Lane and Willow Road are now fully tenanted.



ROAD CLOSURE

A reminder that Buckingham Road, Winslow will be closed by the Thomas Freemantle School for a day or two sometime during the period 1st Jan and 9th March (0930 and 1530) for drainage, surface dressing and road marking works. If entrance and exit to the school is affected, we have requested a cease work of 15.00 in order to avoid problems



POT HOLES

Bucks County Council have sent the following press release about potholes.

It's pothole season

This winter's weather has been tough on Buckinghamshire's roads - while the heavy snowfall in December was the most remarkable weather event, the worst conditions for roads are actually when the ground temperature fluctuates constantly between just above and just below zero.

Pothole formation is accelerated by this 'freeze-thaw' effect, whereby moisture gets into small cracks in the road surface and expands when it freezes, then thaws out when the temperature rises. This process repeats until the road surface begins to break up and potholes are formed.

County Councillor Mark Shaw, Cabinet Member for Transportation, urges road users in Buckinghamshire to report potholes when they see them:

"Transport for Buckinghamshire will investigate every pothole reported to them, and react on a risk based prioritisation process - put simply, that means the worst ones will be attended to first, as a matter of urgency. But we're not mind readers, and the road network is far too vast for us to possibly know where all the potholes are.

Pothole FAQ:

• You fixed one pothole, why didn't you fix the one next to it while you were here?

Potholes are prioritised according to risk – if they are on very well used roads, they are more of a priority. Size and depth are also factors. Resources have to be used responsibly, and cannot be used up fixing a more minor road surface defect when there are more urgent defects needing attention just up the road.

• Why can I only report one pothole online at a time?

Our online reporting system works on an interactive map, so that each individual defect can be risk assessed and dealt with on a case by case basis. The map allows for accurate pinpointing, which saves time when it comes to inspections.

• Why do you make temporary repairs that don't last?

Temporary repairs, where the pothole is filled in with hot material and made smooth, are often carried out as a safety measure when a permanent repair cannot be carried out at that moment, likely due to the location of the defect.

• How do I report a pothole?

You can report potholes, as well as any other road issue, using the Report It forms on the county council website. In an emergency, for instance a severe road defect, a flooded road, or a tree in the road, you can always call Transport for Buckinghamshire on 01296 382416 or 486630 (out of hours). The online reporting tool is at www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/

Potholes can also be reported to the Parish Clerk

Mandy Cliffe, Parish Clerk,

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EVERY Friday & Saturday morning - Aylesbury Market Bus* - Pickups Winslow, Horwoods, Mursley Swanbourne Weedon (Sat only) £4.50 return, free with bus pass.

ALL are welcome to come on the Community Bus -we pick up near to your home and carry your shopping for you if you're good!

Thursday 1st February	Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc
Tuesday 6th February	Buckingham Bus* - 1 hour in town 1 hour in Tesco
Thursday 8th February	Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc
Thursday 15th February	Lunch at The Crown in Cuddington £4.50 travel
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Wed 28th February	- Hedda Gabler - National Theatre thrilling new production of Ibsen's masterpiece. Circle B £24.50
Wed 21st March	- Crazy for You - Mistaken identities, heartbreak, happiness and great Gershwin tunes such as 'I Got Rhythm', 'They Can't Take That Away from Me', 'Embraceable you' with Claire Sweeney and Tom Chambers. Circle L £36.00. (book by 26/1/18)
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- Wed 28th February - Royal Ballet - **The Winter's Tale** Shakespeare's tale of love and loss becomes compelling dance drama in Christopher Wheeldon's ballet adaptation, with music by Joby Talbot.
- Tues 6th March - ROH **Carmen** (6.45pm) Bizet's classic French opera stars Anna Goryachova in Barrie Kosky's intense production.
- Wed 4th April - ROH **Macbeth** Verdi's opera inspired by Shakespeare's tragedy is conducted by Antonio Pappano, with a magnificent cast including Anna Netrebko, Željko Lučić and Ildebrando D'Arcangelo.
- Thursday 3rd May - Royal Ballet - **Manon** Kenneth MacMillan's powerful telling of Manon and Des Grieux's tragic love is a masterpiece of modern ballet, set to music by Massenet.
- Tuesday 12th June - **Swan Lake** The Royal Ballet presents a new production of Tchaikovsky's magnificent classical ballet, with additional choreography by Liam Scarlett and designs by John Macfarlane.

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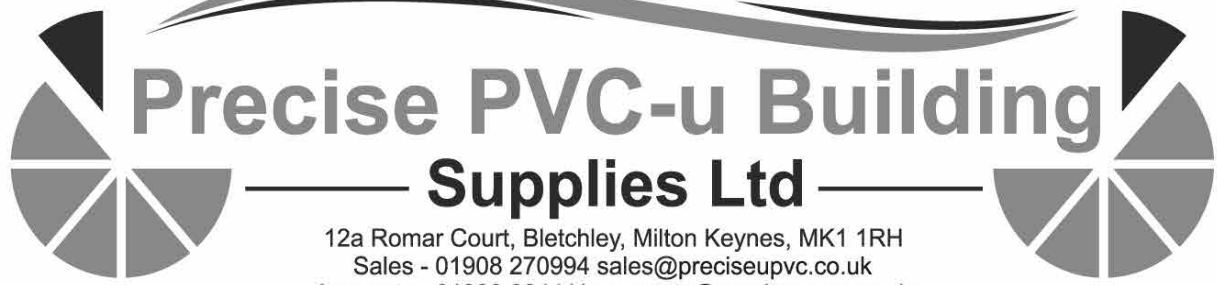
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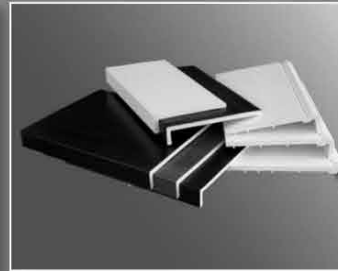
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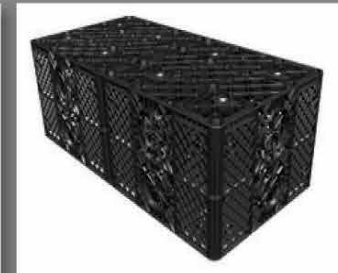
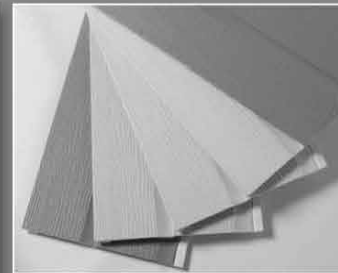
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