

GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION !!



D Jack Smith, Lord of the Manor of Great Horwood, cuts the ribbon under the floral arch and the church bells peal out for the start of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration Event in the village on the 4th of June.

It was superb party which most of the residents of Great Horwood and Singleborough attended at some time during the day. The centre of the village was a sea of picnic tables, bunting and smiling faces. There was entertainment for the children, including circus skills, sponge football, sumo wrestling, races and fancy dress. A huge picnic – with jubilee cupcakes made by the WI – was followed by dancing on The Green to live music, and, at nightfall, the lighting of the beacon. The party then continued well into the small hours...

Those involved in putting on the event are to be congratulated, and for everyone who attended it will be a day they will always remember.

In this edition of FOCUS, there is a souvenir pullout which has been produced and paid for by the organising committee and Andy Gibbs of Harlequin Press.



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Church Times

St James' Serv	vices for July		Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessor
1st July	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	S Martin	M Gilbey
8th July	11.00am	Come and Praise	S Hemphill	T Brazier	M Vincent
10th July	2.00pm	Sunbeams	-	-	-
15th July	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	I Lamberton	D Brazier
22nd July	8.00am	3.00am Holy Communion (1662)		-	-
22nd July	11.00am	Service of the Word	D Brazier	J Brigden	J Margerrison
29th July	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	N Weir	J Margerrison	Clergy
St James' Serv	vices for August				
5th Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion	M Gilbey	C Martin	M Gilbey
12th Aug	11.00am	Come and Praise	R Hemphill	J Hemphill	J Margerrison
19th Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	C Finnemore	M Vincent
26th Aug	8.00am				
26th Aug	11.00am	Service of the Word	I Lamberton	I Lamberton	Clergy
2nd Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	S Martin	D Brazier

Come and Praise Olympic Sunday

On **Sunday 8th July,** to mark the start of the 2012 Olympics in London, St James' Church will be holding our very own Mini Olympics! During the activity part of our Come and Praise Service, there will be relay races and obstacle races to take part in, either outside in the Churchyard, or inside if the weather is wet. All children welcome. To book your place in the relay team please call Sue or David Brazier on 714712. See you there!

Church Key Rota – Lynne & Graham Mayger – tel 712643

Sunbeams

Sunbeams will meet on the second Tuesday in the month, being 10th July, at 2pm in the Children's Corner at St James'. During our time together we listen to a story, sing songs and always make something to take home. Refreshments are available. All 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers welcome. Please note however, that we will not meet in August, as it is the Summer Holidays. For more details please contact Sue Brazier on 714712..

From Rev Belinda Searle-Barnes, Rector

The OLYMPIC SPIRIT

As we await the exciting day when the Olympic Torch is carried through Winslow on July 9th we are aware that this is all part of the build up and preparation for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Perhaps you are fortunate enough to have a ticket for one or more events in the Games, or perhaps you have planned to be glued to your television for certain sports such as the Gymnastics or the Diving?

Maybe you have been inspired by the preparation of the Olympian competitors to go into training in an attempt to get fitter yourself or perhaps you have decided that the 'couch potato' approach is the way you are going to cruise through the 'Games', enjoying seeing the efforts of other people while you eat a pizza!!!

Whatever your feelings and ideas about the Olympics are it is unlikely that you will not be aware they are taking place in London this year after all the publicity. The Games certainly do offer a way for us all to be hospitable in our approach to all the competing nations of the world and to desire a sense of fair play and justice

for all. Also, it offers us an opportunity to be aware of all the young people here in Great Horwood, who may well travel to some of the competing nations during their lifetime having been inspired by their representing athletes making a positive connection for the future. The Games offer us all a way to find out more about nations we perhaps have never heard of before or which we have very little knowledge even if we are not that interested in Sport.

Personally, I'm looking forward to them and the sheer sense of challenge, commitment, excellence and excitement the athletes bring to a world often content with mediocrity.

Prayer for the Olympics

Everlasting God,

giver of joy and source of abundant life, we pray for all who are involved in the London Olympic Games, and especially those who represent Great Britain;

for their safe-keeping and well-being; and as we celebrate the skill and resolve of those who compete we pray that, through the Games, there would be a striving for excellence, a spirit of humility and fair play; a respect for others, and that all that wait on you may find their strength renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen (The Church of England Prayer)



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WEDNESDAY – STEAK NIGHT: FRIDAY - FISH NIGHT:

Thurs 9th August - RONDEAU August Bank Holiday Weekend - Beer Festival September - Pudding Club Saturday 27th October Halloween Party

For more information or Table Bookings - phone 712556

Great Horwood Diary of Events 2012

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 7 Jul	1.00pm – 4.00pm	Fete on the Village Green
Tue 10 Jul	7.30pm	WI Village Hall - Birds of Prey with Sue Mitchell
Mon 30 Jul	Afternoon	Play Around the Parishes
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
Tue 14 Aug	Morning	Play Around the Parishes
Thu 30 Aug	Afternoon	Play Around the Parishes
Tue 11 Sep	7.30pm	WI Village Hall – History of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists with Keith Jansz
Fri 14 Sep	3.00pm – 4.30pm WI Village Hall – Afternoon with John Bercow MP – open (ticket required: £4)	
Sat 29 Sep	7.00pm – 11.00pm	Mad Hatters Supper in the Village Hall
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
Sat 20 Oct	10.00am – 1.00pm	Giving day in St James with exhibits, cake stall & refreshments

As at 15.06.12

Please email additions to john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk

Ewan Stewart - Please Support Us – Little People's Big Challenge

Over the last year and a half or so the Stewart household has had a "challenging" time. Many of you will know that Ewan has spent considerable time in hospital since he was very young; during many of these stays in hospital he has been incredibly unwell with recurrent vomiting and an inability to eat or drink. It is horrible to see your baby with tubes, drips and machines connected to him. Currently aged 20 months, Ewan manages a couple of mouthfuls of food at each meal time and is supported by specialist infant formula milks and fortified drinks. He is still very ill and vomits regularly, but is still happy and doesn't mind the visits to the hospital too much. After a huge amount of tests at the John Radcliffe Hospital, they are still not sure what is causing Ewan's problems although they think it is something called Gastroparesis – a failure of his stomach muscle. His brain scan has shown up something called "demylination", we are just hoping and praying that this may have changed for the better as Ewan has got older but we will not know until the brain scan is repeated in September. He has just been referred to Great Ormond Street Hospital where we are all hoping something can be done. In the meantime Ewan has lost a lot of weight in the last month and as we write this article the John Radcliffe are considering tube feeding him just to help him survive and grow.

Why write this?

Firstly it is to say a BIG THANK YOU to all those in the village who have supported us. Sometimes all we need is someone to listen to our anguish, confusion and anger. We would like to especially thank Karen and Mark Francis who have had many a night time call to look after Frasier or suffered us in a foul mood when times are really bad.

Secondly, we want to see if we can help the paediatric ward and the gastroenterology team at the John Radcliffe Hospital who have helped us immensely through Ewan's illness. In an uncontrollable situation, such as having an ill child, we are trying to make some sense of it all, keep ourselves busy and raise some money for the hospital. We would like to help to both fund equipment for the main medical paediatric ward at the John Radcliffe Hospital and provide money for the gastroenterology team to further their knowledge. So...... Gordon is making a summit attempt on Mont Blanc in August; this is Western Europe's highest mountain at 4807m (just over 3 miles high). The challenge will hopefully raise awareness of the great work done by our local children's hospital

and raise some much needed monies. The challenge attempt is fully supported by the John Radcliffe Hospital and further information can be found on www.LittlePeoplesBigChallenge.co.uk the website will be updated with news of Ewan and the summit attempt, there is also a link to the just giving website **if you would like to make a donation or you can go directly to by visiting** www.justgiving.com/littlepeoplesbigchallenge

THANK YOU, Claire, Gordon, Frasier and Ewan

Great Horwood Silver Band

The band were very pleased to help raise funds towards Church repairs by playing for a concert in the garden of Mr and Mrs Grimditch on the 19th of May. The setting was lovely and the audience very appreciative.

We were pleased to be able to take part in the Jubilee Celebrations. It was lovely to see so many people turn out for the occasion. We liked the design and taste of the fantastic Jubilee cake.

We are looking forward to playing at the Great Horwood Church fete on **Saturday 7th July**. Other engagements during July and August are **Sunday 1st July** Tingewick Music Festival. **Saturday 28th July** we return to Aston Abbotts for their Fete on the Village Green, where we always receive a very warm welcome.

On **Saturday 18th August** we will be playing at the Aston Clinton Summer Show and on **Saturday 25th August** we will be playing at Drayton Parslow for their fete, this is a new venue for us.

Sales of the band's recent recording (CD) are going very well and we have had many good comments about it.

100 Club winners for May were:

Keith Mould £12 Tony Hart £8

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Great Horwood Village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



(From the editor of Focus, Dean White)

THANK YOU

On the 4th of June it seemed that almost the whole population of Great Horwood and Singleborough was on *The Green* enjoying the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. The event was superbly organised, with attractions and entertainment for all age groups in the village: a real family event that everyone who attended will remember.

Putting on an event of that scale involved a huge amount of work and a lot of people and groups in the village gave an awful lot of their time to organise it. On behalf of everyone in Great Horwood and Singleborough I would like to thank and acknowledge the following people for making the event happen:

The Committee:

Ann Elliott (Chairman)

Steve Bennett

Jo Dicken

John Gilbey

Kate Jones Vicki Rocquelin June Margerrison
Darren Sirett

Sara Murphy Yasmin Seddon Paul Robertson

D. Jack Smith, Lord of the Manor, for funding the event and for coming over to attend it.

The WI for their superb cakes.

The local businesses who kindly provided sponsorship.

Margaret Michalski and her helpers for the floral table decorations. Great Horwood Silver Band for entertaining us.

June Margerrison (again) for her amazing village cake.

Jeannie Marshall and her helpers for the

Flower Arch.

Tim Kelsey for doing the pig roast and donating all the money he raised to charity.

Jubilee Event (4th June): FOUND LOST PROPERTY

- Pair of sunglasses,
- Some purple fit-together mats to play or sit on
- Small black umbrella
- Black and white large umbrella -Tescom/Emerson process mgt - Shona and Tims?
- Large white and red England flag
- Blue hoody George P?
- Pair small childs pink floral wellies size 9-11
- Small girls pink floral hat 2x6yrs
- Chicco orange pushchair
- Kids puma jacket black size 30-32
- Black and gold edged belt -off fancy dress outfit?
- Large pack of baby wipes
- 2 tea plates floral pink, green, blue and yellow pattern. Wicklow Vale ceramics
- 1 ovalish melamine tray
- 1 clear rectangle tray IKEA
- 1 IKEA rectangle plate
- 1 set of salad tongs silver colour
- 1 earring red and silver
- 1 picnic table, or chair, lug (black plastic)

To reclaim these, phone Paul Robertson on 07866 748919 or call at 20a Spring Lane.

Well done to everyone who helped make the Jubilee celebrations such a great success. The organising committee must be congratulated on making it such a memorable occasion.

Kath and Roger Ward

Thank you to Gill Fairbairn (6, The Green) for her fabulous Jubilee Window Display. A lot of work must have gone into it and the end result was amazing.

Dean White



CHURCH AND VILLAGE FETE - 7th July on the Village Green 1 pm to 4 pm (SEE BACK PAGE)

We have been working very hard to plan this year's fete and are still hoping to hear your ideas and offers of help.

We need your ASSISTANCE PLEASE for the following stalls:

<u>JARBOLA:</u> Please take your jars filled with what you think others would like to Valerie, 1A, Willow Road or place in box in Church.

PLANT and PRODUCE STALL: Please leave at Angela's

Chapel House, Nash Road or Monica's 14, Little Horwood Road.

<u>CAKE STALL:</u> Cakes for the stall should be taken to Sue at 17, The Close.

During the week before the fete we will be visiting each household to collect bottles for the bottle stall and to sell raffle tickets.

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Regular Activities and Events:

Monday

- Mums with toddlers (under 5's) meet 9.30-11.30am. Lots of toys to keep the children happy while mum meets other mums.
- Parish council meet 9th July at 7.30pm.
- Every other Monday evening an excellent youth group meet -Lots to do.

Tuesday

• Second evening of the month – **10th July** - 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 as there are books AND jigsaws to borrow.
- 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: whist drive, 7.15pm for a 7.30 start. £2 per person. Refreshment inc. Tuition available. Contact Jeannie on 713727 for info.

Friday

• Art and Craft group meet. Very social gathering. 10am till noon-ish! Tea and coffee and browse the books!

If this awful weather continues consider hiring the Village Hall's **Indoor Tennis.** There are two nets which span the width and four racquets and enough balls. If you bring your own racquet there is room for eight to play. Cost £6 per hour. An adult needs to be in charge of school age children at all times. To book, call Jeannie on 713727.

Bio Detection Dogs

Thank you for filling the recycle box for the BIO DETECTION DOGS. They are sited on the Greenway Industrial park on the old airfield and it is the first time I have delivered a full box.! The work the dogs do is quite amazing and a very worthwhile project to support. Also, they are currently looking for a cleaner for a few hours.

Don't forget to **book your events** and such in the Village Hall. Parties, gatherings.... Very reasonable rates. Tel. Jeannie 713727 for bookings or for any other information about the Hall.

Jeannie Marshall



Save the Date! Sat 29th Sept - 7pm

A 'different' supper date is planned in the Village.

With Entertainment....and a Hat will be essential!

More info to follow in next Focus....

Contact: Jane 714494 or Vicki 714998 for further info

SUMMER SUNDAYS

FREE live music in Aylesbury town centre Every Sunday throughout the Summer: 11.30am – 2pm.



1 July: Dance Now! - Kingsbury
Celebration of Dance Styles from
Street Dance to Ballet.

8 July: Reggae - Market Square
With Progression Reggae Band plus
XcS Reggae & Soca Band.

15 July: Country and Acoustic - Kingsbury With Taylor'd Country Band plus Sweet Clover.

29 July: Soul Classics - Market Square

The Blues Blah Brothers plus the Sounds of Motown with Lippy.

5 August: Abba Tribute - Market Square. With Aba Queens.

12 August: Sound of Salsa – Kingsbury Featuring the authentic sounds of Palenke.

19 August: Aylesbury Young Pop Star Competition - Market Square. Search for Aylesbury's Young Pop Star 2012.

26 August: Song and Dance - Kingsbury. Dance styles from around the world plus Songs from Olivia Jane.

FREE Children's events every Thursday of the school holidays Aylesbury Town Centre: 11am - 3pm.

26 July: Magic Show! - Market Square, Aylesbury

Roll up, roll up, for a magical event. Magic Dave and Magic Carl take to the stage to entertain you with tricks and illusions. Free shows at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

4 August: Inflatable Fun Day! - Market Square, Aylesbury

Burn off some excess energy after watching the Olympics. See if you can conquer the bungee run, take the bouncy castle by storm and zoom down the megaslide! There will also be free face painting.

9 August: Superheroes - Kingsbury, AylesburyCome as your favourite superhero and join in the free activities.

16 August: Animal Fun Time! – Kingsbury, Aylesbury
The countryside comes to town to give everyone the chance to
feed and stroke ducks, lambs, rabbits and many more farmyard
animals.

23 August: Summer Speedway - Kingsbury, Aylesbury

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30 August : Magic Show - Market Square, Aylesbury Roll up, roll up, for a magical event in Market Square. Colonel Custard takes to the stage to entertain you with tricks and illusions. Free shows at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

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Great Horwood & Singleborough WI





Neighbourhood Watch

Have your say meetings are your opportunity to speak with your neighbourhood officers to discuss any local issues of concern you may have. The next meeting is at Henry's, High Street, Winslow at 10:00 - 12:00 on the 3rd of July The contact is PCSO Wendy Taylor.

Summer burglary reduction advice from the ThamesValley Police If you are going on holiday consider the following:-

- * Make your home look occupied. Use a timer light and ask a friend or neighbour to move post away from the front door and open and close your curtains.
- * See if a neighbour will park their car on your driveway.
- * Cut the front and back lawns before you go away.
- * Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries. Ask a neighbour to bring your wheelie bin back to your property after it has been emptied.
- * Before your holiday, don't advertise that you are going away on Facebook, Twitter etc.
- * Leave important documents and valuable personal items with other family members or a bank.
- * Double-check that you have locked all outside windows and doors.
- * Set your burglar alarm if you have one.

Lastly, ask neighbours and friends to report any suspicious activity to the Police WHEN IT IS HAPPENING. Don't leave it to someone else to make the call (999) - you might be the only one to witness it.

Also security-mark valuable items and remember to lock your shed. If in any doubt about any of the above items ring the number below.

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 July.

Regards, Ted Hadlow

Great Horwood Under 5's Stay and Play -

We are a small friendly group who meet Monday mornings (except bank holidays) 9.30am – 11.30am in the Village Hall. Children play safely and we have a well-deserved cuppa!

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- 9.30am 11.30am every Monday in the Village Hall
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W.I News

Since the last article your local WI has been very busy. During May we had our Workshop, when twelve members and friends had a very relaxing and enjoyable day. In the morning, under Sally Chittenden's tutelage, we created

a beautiful table arrangement with chrysanthemums and carnations and a lovely buttonhole. After a very nice lunch we moved outside our comfort zones and with Alison Sheppard to guide us, painted colourful cockerels on silk. The results were varied but very satisfying.

We also visited the Belflair Chocolate Factory in Brackley, mmm... heaven. Two hours learning how and where cocoa beans are grown, how they are made into chocolate and how it has changed over time. We then got to taste many different types/strengths of chocolate in white, milk and plain varieties. One very fascinating fact is that, like wine, the same type of bean grown in different parts of the world tastes completely different. The morning done we had lunch and browsed the Brackley Antiques Centre for bargains; another enjoyable day.

In *June* of course we got involved in the Jubilee celebrations baking and decorating about 500 cup cakes for the village street party. The organisers of the event did a fantastic job; the rain went away giving us all the opportunity to have a wonderful day. Our bi-weekly walks have been a bit soggy but we will be getting out and about when the weather permits.

At our meeting on 12th June our speaker was the Head Gardener from Stowe (Landscape Gardens), Barry Smith who outlined the development of the garden from its original formal beginning to the informality of the landscape we see today. Capability Brown lived and worked on the estate for 10 years refining his ideas at Stowe before taking them all over the country. Barry also told us about the renovations of the gardens and how the National Trust manages this grade 1 listed property.

On 10th July, our speaker will be Sue Mitchell, who is bringing around five owls/kestrels for us to see at close quarters, including (she hopes) a very young barn owl. Sue is a very experienced handler and greatly enjoys promoting these wonderful birds.

As it was so popular last year we will again have a colourful tombola stall at the village fete. Try your luck, buy a ticket and win a prize because everyone is a winner!

On August 14th instead of our usual meeting format we are having a picnic on Horwood Pece, (in the village hall if its' raining) and as the country is hosting the Olympics we have decided to have our own mini games. Nothing too strenuous; we don't want anyone injured, but a few fun things to test our skills. So wear some flat shoes, bring a plate of food to share and join us at 7pm. It will be a bit of a giggle!

Looking ahead we have an exciting autumn program planned including a talk from local MP John Bercow about his life as the Speaker of the House of Commons. This is open to everyone in the village, is on the 14th of September at 3pm, and the £4 ticket (booked in advance) includes afternoon tea.

A programme of our monthly meetings is displayed in the village hall and if you would like to know more about your local WI or are interested in any of our forthcoming events please call us; it would be lovely to hear from you.

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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT LAST MEETING - MONDAY 11TH JUNE 2012

Diamond Jubilee

All the Councillors agreed that the Diamond Jubilee Village Fun Day held on Monday 4th June had been a huge success and a letter would be sent to the organising committee to thank them for the tremendous effort that they had put in and to congratulate them on the how the event brought the whole parish together. It was good to see our Lord of the Manor D Jack Smith together with his wife Elaine in the village after many years without a visit, and to have the opportunity to thank him for his generosity in largely funding the event. We were also honoured that John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, was able to spare the time to join us and to say a few kind words about the event and the village in general.

Planning Matters

AVDC have not yet determined plans for an additional dwelling to be built in the grounds of 2 School End to which we have submitted a document giving detailed reasons for our objection. The appeal by the owners against AVDC's demolition notice on Hedgerows, Nash Road has not yet been concluded.

Neighbourhood Plan

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting to Councillors. The consultation process has begun to advise all potential stakeholders of the intention to produce a neighbourhood plan. A draft vision and objectives have also been produced and is awaiting comments from the Neighbourhood Planning Team before it is circulated more widely for comment. All relevant documents concerning the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan project will be published on the special page on the Parish Council website. Cllr. Scholtens is chairing the Neighbourhood Planning Team.

Speedwatch

Cllr. Porritt agreed to seek volunteers to determine if there is any practical support for setting up a volunteer speedwatch team for the village by an article in Focus and by canvassing parents at the school gates.

Approval of Annual Accounts

The annual accounts for the Council were unanimously approved at the meeting and will now be submitted for examination to the external auditors. When the auditors have approved the accounts they will be posted on the Parish Council website.

Footpaths

Robert Deuchar has reported that:

"I've checked all the Parish's Foot Paths in the last 10 days and there are no major problems to report, a couple of wobbly stiles will be followed up. I'm waiting to hear from Bucks County Council re: the additional metal pedestrian gates."

Horwode Pece

We are waiting to hear the result of the annual ROSPA inspection of the play equipment. Obviously the very wet recent weather has interrupted the work of the contractors who cut the grass and has also meant that parts of the field are waterlogged.

The Green

We are still hoping to pave the pedestrian entrance from the top of Nash Road and to consider replacing some of the concrete bollards with wooden posts. The sundial was removed to facilitate the erection of the marquee for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and we are considering whether to refurbish it and re-site it to a new position on the Green.

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 9th July 2012 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

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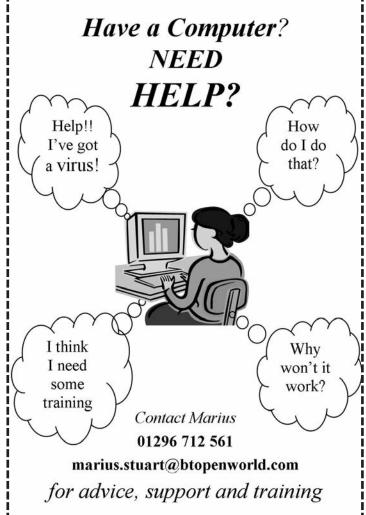
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