

## D. Jack Smith Annual Charitable Grant

As I am sure most of you already know, D. Jack Smith is a lawyer from Memphis, Tennessee, USA, who acquired the Lordship of Great Horwood in 1997. Though the title is honorary and brings no official responsibilities, Jack has always been keen to be involved with the village. He has visited on several occasions – most recently to open last year's Diamond Jubilee celebration, which he also largely funded. Over the years Jack has provided financial help to the church and numerous other village organisations including the cricket and football clubs, Scouts and Girl Guides, WI, Silver Band, Youth Club, Village Hall, Horwode Pece... and he helped fund the publication of The Village Book.

This year, as in previous years, Jack has decided to award **The D Jack Smith Annual Charitable Grant**, a donation of \$5,000 (£3,200) that is available for good causes in the village.

**All village organisations can apply for this grant, or any proportion of it. Even if you don't belong to a village organisation but have ideas on how the money can be spent you can also apply.** The selection criterion for the grant is 'SOMETHING WHICH BENEFITS THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT HORWOOD, WHICH IS FUN': something that is wanted but not necessarily needed. This could be in recreation, sport, or the arts. It could be an item of equipment, toys, a one-off village or group event, or to help set up a new village group etc...



*D. Jack Smith at the Great Horwood Diamond Jubilee Celebration in 2012 with Speaker of The House, John Bercow MP*

### HOW TO MAKE AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT

All village organisations were contacted by me in June inviting them to submit proposals, so the process is already under way. Organisations or individuals should submit a 1 - 2 page proposal to me by e-mail ([editor@ghfocus.com](mailto:editor@ghfocus.com)) or to my address (Ashwell House, Singleborough, Milton Keynes MK17 0RF) **by the 21st of July**. This should cover the following:

- **BACKGROUND** on your organisation. Who you are, what you do, your objectives and purpose, number of members.
- **WHY** you want the money and **HOW MUCH** you want. What it will be used for.
- **BENEFITS**. Explain clearly the benefits of your proposal. Who benefits and how? What difference will it make and to whom?

An independent committee of 4-5 villagers, chaired by me, will be set up. It will review the proposals and make a recommendation to Jack Smith who will make the final decision. **If you would like to be on this committee** please contact me by the e-mail above, or call me on 713828.

# Great Horwood Village Fete Sat 6th July 1 pm on The Green

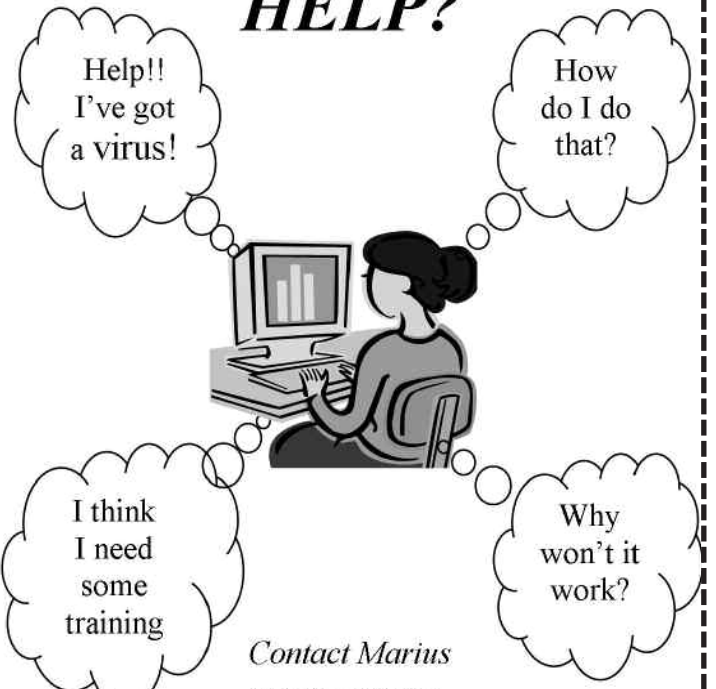


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Assistant Priest, Rev Geoff Ball geoff@winslowbenefice.org.uk Tel 715131

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## St James' Services for July

			Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessor
7th July	11.00am	Holy Communion	S Barfoot	J Brigden	I Lamberton
9th July	2.15pm	Sunbeams	-	-	-
14th July	11.00am	Come and Praise	S Hemphill	J Hemphill	M Gilbey
21st July	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	I Lamberton	J Margerrison
28th July	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
28th July	11.00am	Service of the Word	N Weir	N Weir	Clergy

## St James' Services for August

4th Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	J Margerrison	D Brazier
11th Aug	11.00am	Come and Praise	R Hemphill	T Brazier	M Gilbey
18th Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Martin	I Lamberton
25th Aug	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
25th Aug	11.00am	Service of the Word	M Gilbey	C Finemore	Clergy
1st Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	S Barfoot	J Brigden	M Gilbey

Church Key – Lynne & Graham Mayger – tel 712643

## St James' Church Tower Open Day and Barbeque

Saturday 17th August

4pm – 7pm

Have you ever wondered what the view was like from the top of St James' Church Tower? Now is your chance to find out! On this rare occasion, we have decided to open up the tower for all to savour the marvellous views over Great Horwood and the surrounding countryside. Bring your camera to take some memorable photos, then stay to enjoy a barbeque on The Green.

For more details contact David Brazier on 714712.

## Great Horwood Village Fete – Saturday 6th July

Just a reminder that the fete committee will be door to door collecting during the first week in July. Any bottles, filled jars for the jarbola, plants and cakes gratefully received.

Entertainment for the afternoon will now include a visiting band of Morris Dancers, Great Horwood School Dancers and the Great Horwood Silver Band. If anyone would like to help in any way, please contact David Brazier on 714712.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY VEHICLE THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE PARKED ON THE GREEN SHOULD BE REMOVED BY 9AM ON SATURDAY 6TH JULY SO WE CAN START SETTING UP FOR THE VILLAGE FETE.**

Thank you

David Brazier

## Great Horwood FEAST (Fair)

The annual fair in Great Horwood will be held on **Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th August**. The fair will arrive on Sunday 11th August. Please can any cars parked on The Green be removed by 2pm on 11th August in order to allow the fair to set up. Many thanks.

Karen Francis

## PLAY AROUND THE PARISH - Summer Holiday Dates

Once again, Play around the Parish is returning to Great Horwood during the summer holidays.

It is to be held on Horwode Pece (or in the village hall if wet) on:

- Tuesday 30th July 10am-12pm
- Wednesday 14th August 2pm-4pm
- Thursday 29th August 10am-12pm

Remember it is FREE so come along for some fun in the sun!

Karen Francis

## Great Horwood Open Gardens

A very big **thank you** to everyone who contributed towards this successful event. Firstly, sincere thanks to all the keen gardeners who worked so hard towards exhibiting their beautiful gardens. We were blessed with a sunny day as local visitors and those from surrounding counties all had a wonderful time visiting the gardens and eating cream teas in St James Church. Also, many thanks to everyone who contributed in baking, serving teas, selling ice cream, putting up signs, selling the entrance maps and donating plants.

June Margerrison

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The Church was lit on the 11th June to commemorate Marion and the late Bob Taylor's Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Ian Lamberton



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## Village Hall Information

**Friday mornings** there is an ARTS and CRAFT GROUP. The charge is £1 per session includes Tea or Coffee and a good selection of materials to get you started. It is very laid back and there is always something new you can learn. Perhaps you have skills that you can pass on? We start around 10am till Lunchtime. Pop it in your diary and give it a try - see you there?

### Monday:

- Salsarobics with Vicki good way to start your week!
- Mums and Toddlers now meet at 1pm till 3pm.
- 7pm there is a super youth club except the second Monday in the Month. Dont miss out it is second to none !
- 7.30pm on the second Monday (**8th July**) the Parish Council meet. There is time on the agenda for you to air any matter you wish.

### Tuesday:

- W I meet at 7pm. A warm welcome greets you and we have excellent speakers on all topics. There is always a poster on the village Hall notice board with details of the month and an article in FOCUS. There are outings and a walking group, we meet other W I's socially and are abreast of many things happening around us and get to have a say on them.

### Wednesday:

- POST OFFICE 9.30am – 11.30am: Do I need to tell you? I don't think so but I will: we also sell greetings cards for all occasions, you can buy Eggs free range and local - £1 for half dozen, you can have a tea or coffee for 20pence, have a chat with friends visit our library and jigsaw swap for free. The gardeners bring fresh produce in from time to time always worth looking out for!!
- The Band rehearse from 7pm so you will hear lovely music as you pass by.

### Thursday:

- Start your day exercising those Legs -Bums- and Tums with Vicki 8.50am till 10am.
- Alternate Thurs eve at 7.30 there is Whist: 4th & 18th July and 1st August. £2 to play inclusive -- plus money prizes ALL IN and we serve tea or coffee half way. If you need a practice come a little before time for a free run through. Good fun!!

### Friday:

- ART and Craft group. Details as above start 10am.

For all the other times that the hall is available just ring 01296 713727 for bookings. We aim not to break the bank! The more we use it all helps with its upkeep!!

Jeannie Marshall

## More About the Cello Concert on Thursday, 19th September for the St James' Church Restoration Fund

### About Orlando Jopling:

Orlando Jopling's teachers include the legendary William Pleeth, Alexander Baillie and Raphael Wallfisch. He divides his time between giving recitals all over the UK and guesting with the top orchestras in London. He is musical director of the 140-year-old *Royal Orchestral Society* in London and has also conducted the English Chamber Orchestra both in the recording studio and on the concert platform, London Mozart Players, Irish Chamber Orchestra and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. He has conducted over twenty five opera productions, and co-founded Stanley Hall Opera and the contemporary opera specialist Tête à Tête.

He has performed with many pop stars including Sinéad O'Connor and Martha Wainwright, his music for TV has been heard on all the major UK channels, and he is artistic director of *Roman River Festival* in coastal Essex.

### Why the cello pilgrimage?

Orlando has always loved the peace and tranquillity of churches, and their sense of history, and he has recognised the ongoing challenge of maintaining these churches for the next generation. So he wanted to play some music there to fill the space and to breathe some life into the stones, and the Bach Suites for Solo Cello are wonderful and match the spirit of the churches perfectly. Orlando's Cello Pilgrimage has played over 80 recitals in rural churches, and has raised over £55,000 for their restoration and upkeep.

For a cellist, the Bach suites are some of the most fulfilling pieces of music to play. Bach manages to create such expressiveness and also such towering architecture from simple means – one line of music with an occasional double stop. And there's a simplicity about the concerts; a chair and a cello are all that are needed. The music appeals equally to regular concert-goers and also those who might not normally go to hear classical music. Orlando usually plays a romantic or dramatic piece by a different composer for contrast in the middle of the recital. And the recitals are not made up only of the music, as Orlando introduces the suites, giving some background and context. Bach led a very uneventful life on the outside, but his inner journey and struggle for appreciation is fascinating. Orlando also loves talking about the history and workings of the cello, and answering any questions which people have. ([www.cellopilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.cellopilgrimage.co.uk))

St. James' Church is an important part of our community and we invite you all to share this wonderful experience and contribute toward the restoration of our ancient church. Tickets are £15 (£5 for under 16s) to include wine and savoury snacks prior to the recital.

Monica Gilbey 715336

Susan Mosier 711915



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### Great Horwood Rainbows has vacancies from September

I am delighted to report a good response to my request for help with Rainbows, and would like to thank the people who have volunteered. I am therefore able to offer places to new girls from September.

Rainbows is the Girlguiding section for girls aged 5 to 7. We meet every Wednesday at Great Horwood Scout hut from 5pm – 6pm and play games, learn new skills and generally have fun.

If you think that your daughter might be interested please telephone me. Jill White 01296 713828

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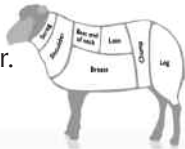
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## PICNIC ON THE PECE .....

Over a hundred people came down to picnic on Horwode Pece on 2nd June. The sun shone, the band played and the children enjoyed trying circus skills and playing games.

Many thanks to the Giocosio Band who turned up once again to delight us with their music and to Steve Brigden with his circus skills equipment. He gave instruction in the art of diablo, plate spinning and using devil-sticks.

Thanks also to all who made this day a great success: The village hall for the loan of the chairs and soft tennis; 'Fields in Trust' for bunting, beach ball, quoits and the 'safe' egg and spoon race gear. 'Picnic on the Pece' this year was also celebrating the anniversary of the Queen's 'Fields in Trust' scheme, aimed to protect registered recreation grounds from being built on in future. Yes, if you did not know it, Horwood Pece is registered as a 'Field in Trust'.

Our final thanks must go to the parents, teenagers and children who had a great day, enjoyed themselves, and then took any remains of their picnics home with them. Ten on the nest swing must be a record. The British bulldog looked fun; well for the young at heart anyway. And in clearing up, we only found one crisp packet.



Thanks to everyone for a great day, let's all put it in our calendars for next year.

## ..... and HELP WITH MAINTENANCE

We are always looking for help with the jobs on the Rec. If you can spare an hour or so, it can make a difference, helping us provide a well maintained facility for use by the parish.

Particularly, we would like to thank PAUL LANDYMORE who volunteered to cut and strim the grass as we have been having problems with our contractor. Paul's efforts certainly helped, especially just before the picnic, and his work was much appreciated by everyone who picnicked on the grass.

At the time of writing, we still haven't finished fitting and filling the rubber matting in between the goals, which will hamper any football games on the Rec. until completed. The outstanding work is to fill the holes in the rubber matting with earth and grass plugs. It's quite a laborious job but quite 'fulfilling'!

Even a half-hour of putting loose earth, taken from the turfs, into the little holes would really help – even children can do this. We have completed about half and would be grateful for any assistance.

*John Nicholls – Chairman of the Management Committee*



## Lions Club of Winslow

On Saturday 1 June, a good time was had by all, at the annual Senior Citizens Tea Party.

The Lions Club once again played host to this very popular event at the Winslow Public Hall. Well over 80 attendees enjoyed the afternoon, with stylish Paul French providing us with first rate musical entertainment, ably assisted



by those who knew (or thought they knew...) the lyrics and wanted to participate!! The excellent food was prepared by the Lions ladies – many thanks ladies for all your help!!

During a social event in January, when we were both entertained and educated about the latest approaches to first aid and resuscitation techniques, the positive benefits of defibrillators was mentioned.

Following on from this at our recent May meeting, we had a most informative talk by a guest speaker, Erica Crawley, from the South Central Ambulance Service, who again extolled their virtues.

As a result, and although Winslow Town currently has some of these machines available (in surgeries, etc., but unfortunately, not necessarily available at all times), we were persuaded to look at installing a Public Access unit, which will have 24/7 availability and be located centrally – so watch out for more details....

Our contact number is 08458 337817 to obtain further information about the Club, any of the above items, the Lions "Message in a Bottle" scheme, to pass on your thoughts about "A Man's Shed" project, or to request help for you or your organisation... or failing that, just come along to the The Bell Hotel, Winslow, at 8-15pm every second Wednesday of the month and experience a meeting...

Let us know your thoughts via Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/winslowlions](http://www.facebook.com/winslowlions)

More news next month..... !!

*Jack Milburn (President, Winslow Lions Club)*



## Great Horwood Silver Band

The band has a very busy month ahead with engagements. On **Saturday 6th July** they will be playing at the Great Horwood Church Fete on the Village Green, and on Sunday 7th July

for a Garden Party at Carey Lodge Nursing Home in Tring from 2.30pm.

On **Saturday 13th** they will play for the Saint Michaels Church Fete in Aston Clinton from 2pm and on **Saturday 27th July** they will return again to Aston Abbots for their Church Fete.

We hope to play for a fund raising concert for Great Horwood Church in the Autumn, when they can arrange a date and venue.

We welcome new member Scarlet Mercer who has joined our Training Band on Tenor Horn.

100 Club winners for June were:

- Keith Mould £50 number 66
- Keith Mould £12 number 70
- Clare Tring £8 number 92.

If you would like to join the 100 club at 10p per week please ask any band member.

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*Beryl Lack*

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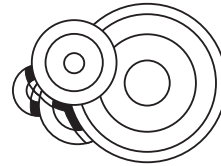
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## Neighbourhood Watch

'Have your say' meetings are your opportunity to speak with your neighbourhood officers to discuss any local issues of concern you may have. If you wish to 'have your say', the next meeting is at Henry's, High Street, Winslow at 10am - 12 noon on the **23rd July** and the **20th August**. The contact is PCSO Wendy Taylor.

Theft from sheds continues to be a problem. The solution is to lock all items securely away.

Theft from cars also is a problem. Again, hide your property away and keep your car LOCKED.

If you care for someone who has a tendency to wander off or becomes confused and lost then using a Buddy could be the answer. The device uses mobile phone technology which means that if the person wearing it gets lost they can be found quickly. The device can be placed in the person's pocket or bag or worn as a pendant and links to a control centre. It can also be linked to the internet so carers can keep track of where the person is. As well as giving the carer peace of mind the device also gives people back their independence. It also has a panic button and a falls sensor.

Carers Bucks has some Buddy devices, funded by Bucks County Council, which carers can borrow for a trial period of up to a month to use at home or on holiday. If you would like more details contact Carers Bucks on 0300 777 2722 or email [mail@carersbucks.org](mailto:mail@carersbucks.org)

If you have a problem on any of the above items ring:-

## 101

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

*Regards, Ted Hadlow*

## theWI W.I News

On the 4th June we had a lovely evening walk around Stockgrove Country Park. The sun shone, there was a warm summer breeze as we all relaxed and enjoyed the scenery, flora, fauna and good company. This was followed by a very good supper at the Old Red Lion, Great Brickhill. Our usual WI walks continue every two weeks alternating between morning and afternoons. You don't have to be a member to join us so please contact us if you would like to know more.

At our monthly meeting on 11th, Frances Benton ([www.tears-of-the-dragon.co.uk](http://www.tears-of-the-dragon.co.uk)) gave us a fantastic talk about everything to do with pearls. She came with hundreds, yes hundreds of strings of Pearls and it was very hands on so we all got to touch and caress, even wear these most beautiful of gems. She spoke in an amusing, animated style about the history of natural and cultured pearls, the science of how they are created and of the many myths and legends surrounding them. She also gave us some good advice; Wear your pearls as the oils from your skin improves the lustre (the glow or shine of the pearls). Avoid contact with perfume or hairspray as the acid will damage them. In fact we enjoyed it so much we have asked her to come again; watch this space!

We are looking forward to running the Tombola again at the Church Fete on **6th July**; fingers crossed the sun shines this year!

This month on the **9th** at our regular monthly meeting in the Village Hall, Mosaic Artist **Melanie Watts** will be talking to us about her work and how those suffering from stress or mental difficulties find it very therapeutic.

Following our successful Tea with Rt. Hon John Bercow MP last year, 10 of us are very excited to be visiting the House of Commons, the Speakers House State Rooms and the Jewel Tower on **Monday 15th**. This will be followed by lunch and some sightseeing.

Looking ahead to **August**:

- WI meeting - **Tuesday 13th** - Picnic on the Pece

If you would like to know more about your local WI please phone for a chat. We will also gladly collect and take you to one of our monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Val Smith 01296 711551 Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933  
Angela Mayne 01296 715400



## Great Horwood CE Combined School Thank you, Great Horwood

Thanks go to the Parish Council and the residents of Great Horwood for facilitating the relocation of the sundial from the Green to our amphitheatre area. The sundial looks completely at home in its new location and will be of great educational interest to our children. Particular thanks go to Alan and Bob of ABH Landscapes and to John Scholtens for aligning the gnomon.



## Get Your Name On The Great Horwood Walk Of Fame!



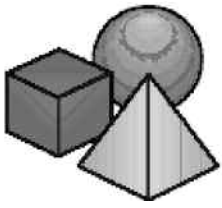
Great Horwood School is on the journey to raising over £80,000 to renovate the school, including improving the learning facilities and refurbishing the interior of the school. Buying a brick in our 'Walk of Fame' will help the school to build a better future for our children.

For £25 per single brick or £40 per double brick, you could help us to build a wonderful pathway in the school grounds. The pathway will begin at our new sundial and, as it grows, lead to the main walkway. This is an area of school that will be well used by our children over the forthcoming years. Part of your kind donation will go towards the pathway itself and part will go towards the Project Acorn refurbishment.

In return for your generous gift, your name (it could be your child or grandchild's name, or your company) will appear on a roll of honour displayed on our school website ([www.greathorwood.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.greathorwood.bucks.sch.uk)) and on the permanent pathway. The pathway will be a lasting testament to those who helped the school to achieve its goal.

If you would like to claim a place on the Walk of Fame, then head to the school website and click on the brick for more details and an application form! We would love to hear from former pupils and the friends of Great Horwood School in the community.

*Paul Adams: Headteacher*



# GREAT HORWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING TEAM FEEDBACK

Following very valuable feedback from the 4-page information leaflet and the 18th May public presentation and Question & Answer session with over 70 attendees, the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Team (NPT) has considered the way forward. We do not consider it worthwhile to ask AVDC to re-assess the greenfield sites already rejected in their Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as we are very likely to get a negative response. We have however re-evaluated our own planning assumptions, baseline data and potential development sites. As a result we have identified an additional potential development site to the north of Little Horwood Road (labelled F on the map). The landowner is content for the site to be developed and AVDC have indicated its suitability for development.

With thoughts of trying to change the balance of development across the village, the NPT has re-examined the Pilch Lane site but remains of the view that this lane is such an important site for recreational use by walkers (including dog owners), cyclist and horse riders that it should remain as an unspoilt country lane and that it would be unwise to create a further potentially much larger body of opposed residents. Furthermore and crucially, AVDC has opposed previous planning applications in this area and is unlikely to change its position or allow a precedent to be set for development in that direction. Turning to the Old Mill brownfield site, our main concern is the access problem from Spring Lane and the likelihood of very significant opposition if that was to be the only route of access. We would be going against the views of many in our "Community View" consultation of October 2011 and the consistent position of the Parish Council. The NPT has submitted 3 separate detailed challenges to AVDC concerning the Old Mill site emphasising the need for access from the old airfield in an attempt to overturn the assessment that it is unsuitable for development. AVDC have rejected our proposals on several grounds (nature and condition of old airfield access road, poor connection to existing village, the fact that we cannot prevent vehicular access to Spring Lane, opening door to further development around this area and the airfield, etc). We now feel that there is little chance of changing their decision. The only other significant brownfield site, the Great Horwood Service Stn, if it potentially became available for development, is in the heart of the Conservation Area, could not accommodate lots of new homes in such close

proximity to listed buildings and would destroy important views of St James Church.

To ensure that we get developments of smaller houses we need to have significant sized plots of land otherwise development will almost inevitably be of larger houses, as has occurred in the past. The Team has decided to reduce the threshold for consideration of sites from 10 to 8 houses but consider it impracticable to reduce it any further as a line has to be drawn to prevent us being drawn into protracted and uncertain micro-management of individual developments. These so called "back garden" or very small-scale developments can still be investigated by landowners within normal planning application rules. Small sites would also not produce sufficient levies and funds for our community welfare plans.

We see no alternative to proposing development as originally suggested on site C off Weston Road although we would seek to have the development offset on the plot to maintain green space down the western end of the plot opposite the end of Weston Road and also down the eastern end beyond The Close. We consider that it is impossible to sustain the argument opposing any development in this area. A key point which everyone needs to understand is that sites C and D are included in the AVDC 2013 SHLAA and assessed respectively as suitable and partly suitable for development and in the future an independent developer could approach the respective landowners and submit Planning Applications for larger developments than we are proposing. For example, the Weston Road site is assessed as suitable for up to 50 houses at 35 dwellings per hectare. We are seeking much more modest and controlled development. However, to satisfy the agreed target of 40 new dwellings we will still need to propose at least one other site and that points to sites D and F. We believe that many people would find site F preferable to site D and welcome your comments on this and indeed any other matters that have been discussed.

The bottom line is that we need to find a **compromise** solution which will have the agreement of the majority in our parish which will then be subjected to a Referendum around May next year in accordance with normal democratic principles. We really wish to avoid the nightmare scenario of no Plan and inevitable vulnerability to proposals for large-scale development by independent developers.



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John Scholtens, Chairman Great Horwood NPT

e-Mail johnscholtens@hotmail.com or letter to 4 Wigwell Gardens, Great Horwood, MK17 0QX

Key NPT documents are at <http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/neighbourhood-plan/>

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The seniors season will commence with friendly games culminating in a double header with firsts and reserves playing for the traditional Harry & Florrie Hirst Cup and George Curry Cup – followed by burgers and beer – date and details to be confirmed.

For the juniors, the Football Club is holding an inaugural Juniors Football Tournament on Saturday 31st August at the football pitch. The day will include teams from under 7's to under 12's. We plan to include a number of side attractions designed to make it a real family event.

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Many thanks

*Steve Bennett*

### Great Horwood Under 5's Stay and Play: Monday's 1pm-3pm

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Village Refuse Freighter Service 01296 585510

Winslow and District Community Bus 01296 715786

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The Great Horwood Parish Council logo is derived from a panel on the mediaeval font in St James's Church, Great Horwood.

# CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

## LAST MEETING – MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2013

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### Highways

A resident of Singleborough had requested that the Council ask Bucks CC Highways to adjust the traffic priority at the junction between Pilch Lane and Singleborough Lane. After investigation Bucks CC has advised us that the current priority is the safest option but they have agreed to refresh the junction markings and to install a Give Way sign. They will also install an Advance Give Way sign 100yds ahead of the junction.

I attended the Bucks CC Winslow and District Local Area Forum meeting on 13th June and asked why despite paying for the facility we had not yet seen the installation of the Movable Vehicle Activation Sign (MVAS) in the village. I was promised that we would see the final plan in place by the end of the month.

I also queried when we would see the growth on the verges cut and was informed that Bucks CC had taken direct responsibility for cutting the verges this year, rather than sub contract to AVDC. They admitted that there had been some initial problems with contractors which they were hoping would be overcome in the near future but that in any case the number of cuts in rural areas had been reduced from three to two per year.

In response to a request from our County Councillor the Council has advised that the roads most in need of resurfacing work are the High Street and Singleborough Lane.

### Village Refuse Freighter

Karen is still trying to get definitive information from AVDC on the usage of the freighter so that we can make a definite decision on whether to cancel the service.

### The Sun Dial

The Sun Dial which was removed from The Green in June last year has now finally been refurbished and installed in the grounds of the Great Horwood School in the new amphitheatre area and the headmaster has written that "the sundial looks right at home in its new location and will be of great educational interest for our children." See the separate article from the School in this edition of FOCUS.

### Vale of Aylesbury Plan

AVDC has recently published its Vale of Aylesbury Plan Strategy document which sets out the framework for development in the Vale up to 2013. The documents were available for consultation until 19th June and at its meeting the Council passed a motion in support of the strategy. This was done to help ensure that a sensible plan is in place as soon as possible so that future development in the Vale is not left at the whim of developers and Planning Inspectors. If this happened it is very likely that we would see the return of such threats as a major development on Greenway and/or the return of the expansion of Milton Keynes into the Vale as was previously proposed at Salden Chase.

### HS2

The Council unanimously agreed to register with Bucks CC to show its support for those very many parishes that are going to be so dramatically affected by the proposal to build HS2 through the heart of the County.

### Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar presented the following report for this month:

"The Parish's one bridleway, from Singleborough Lane near Brambles Day Nursery to the A421 at the Thornton Turn, was mowed on 8 June."

### Planters at the entrances to the village

The 4 planters have now been delivered, installed and filled with plants and are located at the entrances to the village in Winslow Road, Nash Road, Little Horwood Road and Singleborough Lane. We are planning to locate a 5th one at the entrance to Singleborough from the A421.

### 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 8th July 2013 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

*John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council*  
[john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk)

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Thursday	11th	July	- Westcroft Bus*
Sunday	14th	July	- A day out in Eastbourne. £12.00
Tuesday	16th	July	- Visit Althorp Park. House & gardens. £18.00 including travel
Monday	22nd	July	- Banbury Shopping. £5.00
Tuesday	23rd	July	- Abingdon to Oxford Boat trip. 1hr 45m boat trip then spend the afternoon in Oxford. £18.00 boat and travel
Monday	29th	July	- Tour of Albert Hall (arranged) & visit museums (do your own thing!). £20.00 travel and tour
Tuesday	5th	Aug	- Buckingham Bus*
Thursday	8th	Aug	- Westcroft Bus *
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Monday	19th	Aug	- Visit Waterperry Gardens. £10.00 includes entrance
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