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## Great Horwood Scouts to meet again in September 2017



We are very pleased to announce the Great Horwood Scouts will meet again in September with an open evening of activities for girls and boys aged 10½ -14, and with information for parents. Just come along and find out about Scouting

7.00 - 8.30pm Friday 15th September 2017  
at the Scout Guide HQ, Gt Horwood School.

If you would like to express your interest to join Scouts please drop me an email at [district-scouts@paulketteridge.co.uk](mailto:district-scouts@paulketteridge.co.uk) giving me their name and your address and phone number or please just come along on the night.

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9th July	11.00am	Come and Praise	P Moyles	L Brazier	S Brazier
16th July	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Finnemore	I Lamberton
23rd July	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
23rd July	11.00am	Come and Share	J Brigden	J Brigden	Clergy
30th July	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	I Lamberton	D Brazier

## St James' Services for July

6th August	11.00am	Holy Communion	R Margerrison	J Margerrison	R Margerrison
13th August	11.00am	Come and Praise	D Brazier	O Gunn	S Brazier
6th August	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	J Brigden	I Lamberton
6th August	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
6th August	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	I Lamberton	D Brazier
4th September	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	I Lamberton	D Brazier

**Church Key Rota:** - Lynne & Graham Mayger - tel 712643

## Village Hall News

The Post Office is now up and running again every Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.30 there is a list of what the Post Office can provide on the outside notice board of the hall.

The hall also hires out their tables, chairs and crockery.

I have kindly been given by one of our hirers a photo of how they decorated the hall and it looks really great. If anyone else would like to let the hall see how they managed to transform the hall for their parties we would love to start a collection of photos.

To enquire about booking please contact Gill on 01296 712165.

*Gill Wood*



## Great Horwood Village Fete - Saturday 9th 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, or bring on the morning.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY VEHICLE THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE PARKED ON THE GREEN SHOULD BE REMOVED BY 9.00am ON SATURDAY 9th JULY SO WE CAN START SETTING UP FOR THE VILLAGE FETE.**

Thank you.

*David Brazier*

## A PLANT STALL IN AID OF ST JAMES CHURCH

Many thanks to all those who came to our Plant Stall on May 29 and helped to raise the magnificent sum of £472 for the Church. A special thanks to Lynne, Pauline, Elizabeth and David who worked so hard behind the scenes and to all those who not only brought plants for us to sell but then bought more to take home!

*Lindsay Dunham and Margaret Moore*

## Great Horwood Feast - Annual Fair

The annual fair in Great Horwood will be held on **Monday 7th** and **Tuesday 8th August**. The fair will arrive on **Sunday 6th August**. **Please can any cars parked on The Green be removed by 1.30pm on 6th August** in order to allow the fair to set up. The fair has been asked to ensure it does not arrive until 2pm this year. Many thanks.

*Mandy Cliffe*  
*Parish Clerk*





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## Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor

### **Rural Crime**

It appears that the Land Rover Defender is still the vehicle of choice for stealing, whether it be parts or the whole vehicle. Please be mindful of this if you own one. There are plenty of measures you can put place to protect your vehicle. Thames Valley Police has an offer for those who choose to use the Datatag marking system. Call 01784 778310, quote ref TVPDef2016 and you will sent your kit. It is a self-fit. Price is £60 inc VAT plus postage.

We have also had a report of a Horsebox 7.5 tonne being stolen. Also in the report it mentions it contained a lot of equestrian equipment. I know it is a real hassle but don't leave equipment in your horseboxes when they are parked up. Empty it of all equipment after a show. Do not be tempted to 'get everything in there' in prep for an early departure to a show the following day. If the lorry gets taken all you have left is the horse and the yard equipment, no tack, no show gear, the list goes on. It is so distressing particularly if that show was an important qualifier

### **Neighbourhood Watch**

#### **Make sure you don't invite opportunist criminals**

As the weather is warming up please take a moment to ensure opportunist criminals don't have easy access to your belongings:-

- If you are in your back garden make sure that all windows and doors at the front of your home are secured. It only takes a moment someone to reach in, or climb in and steal easily accessible items.
- Make sure you don't leave handbags, mobiles, keys etc near to an open window.
- When you go to bed take a moment to double check all your doors and windows are secure, especially easily accessed ones.
- Make sure your garden tools and equipment are locked away in a shed and are marked as belonging to you.
- Don't leave out ladders that could be used to access a first floor window. Chain them up.
- Lock bicycles away.
- If you are going away, tell a trusted neighbour and ask them to keep an eye on your property.
- Report anyone acting suspiciously to the police on 101, or if you think a crime is in progress dial on 999



Following some of these simple precautions will reduce the opportunities for thieves.

### **Action Fraud**

#### **The first reports of Tech-Support scammers claiming to be from Microsoft who are taking advantage of the global WannaCry ransomware attack.**

One victim fell for the scam after calling a 'help' number advertised on a pop up window. The window which wouldn't close said the victim had been affected by WannaCry Ransomware.

The victim granted the fraudsters remote access to their PC after being convinced there wasn't sufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudsters then installed Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, which is actually free and took £320 as payment.

It is important to remember that Microsoft's error and warning messages on your PC will never include a phone number.

Additionally Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication they have with you must be initiated by you.

#### **How to protect yourself**

- Don't call numbers from pop-up messages.
- Never allow remote access to your computer.
- Always be wary of unsolicited calls. If you're unsure of a caller's identity, hang up.
- Never divulge passwords or pin numbers.
- Microsoft or someone on their behalf will never call you.

If you believe you have already been a victim

- Get your computer checked for any additional programmes or software that may have been installed.
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*Wendy Taylor*

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## W.I News

Our June speaker was Debbie Gibbs a local magistrate, who has visited us a couple of times in past meetings. This time she described how sentencing was worked out depending on the crime. Debbie said that any crime, in this case a man breaking into a house and stealing £800 worth of goods with the occupants asleep upstairs, would get a longer sentence than somebody taking £50 from the till at work, because he is entering without permission. Even taking a spade from a shed, compared to a lad pinching a bike from outside the newsagents would make a difference, as the shed would belong to someone and the perpetrator would be trespassing. Debbie also said that a crime against a stranger, would get a shorter sentence than against someone that they know.

After the very interesting talk, we had a (difficult!) quiz about detectives. Our next meeting will be on **11th July** at 7.30pm and we have a young lady coming along to show us all her dissertation on the W.I.

A number of members and friends will be going to Hampton Court Palace next week on the Winslow community bus which we are all looking forward to.



If you would be interested in coming to a meeting please contact:  
Liz.nicholls@ncase.com or  
Angela Mayne 715400

*Jane Derry*

## Great Horwood Silver band



The next band engagement will be **Saturday 8th July** Great Horwood Church Fete followed by Carey Lodge retirement home Wing, family day on **Sunday 9th July**.

**Saturday July 22nd** sees the band returning to Aston Abbotts for their Church Fete from 1pm on the Village Green.

100 Club winners for June were.

Julie Hart £12

Beryl Lack £8

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

Visit our website for the latest news on [www.greathorwoodband.com](http://www.greathorwoodband.com)

*Beryl Lack*

## Grenfell Tower Appeal

A big thank you to all those who kindly donated to the appeal collection

on Friday 23rd June. The village raised £300.00 which is amazing. Monies have been donated.

When the thank you letter arrives it will be posted on the village hall notice board.

## Cantlos at Winslow Public Hall:

### Saturday 2nd September

Traditional acoustic music duo Cantlos will be performing a set of their favourite songs from the British Isles and Ireland at Winslow Public Hall on Saturday 2nd September. Cantlos, taking their name from the last month in the ancient Celtic calendar, are Kirsty Morris Selley on clàrsach (Celtic harp), bodhrán and vocals, and Great Horwood resident James McCafferty on cittern, guitar, dulcimer, melodeon and vocals. The duo have attracted a strong following from traditional music fans and from audiences delighted to hear once more the almost-forgotten folk songs of these islands. Doors open at 6.30 pm and the concert begins at 7.00 pm, with refreshments available during the interval. Tickets are £10 in cash on the door (£5 for over 65s and children under 10).

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## One man went to mow.....the churchyard!!!



One man went to mow and many turned up a few can be seen above!

The Churchyard is maintained by volunteers and the PCC would like to thank everyone in the village who contributes in this way.

We are always looking for additional helpers when we arrange community mowing evenings organized by Sean at The Crown please let him know if you are interested in joining us.

### The Annual Produce Stall

I would like to gauge some sort of likely entries please – should it go ahead this year?!

Likely categories as follows:

- 1.a. Children up to 7 - a potato animal
- 1.b. Children 8 up to 11 - a potato animal
2. Make a Hedgerow drink of your choice
3. Heaviest single onion
4. Jar of jam
5. Jar of chutney
6. Plate of 5 tomatoes
7. Plate of 5 sweet apples
8. 5 runner beans
9. Photograph of a scene from the village
10. Bake a cake using Mary Berry Victoria sponge recipe.

Anyone interested in entering the Produce show on 9th September 2017?

Contact [Paulerobbo@gmail.com](mailto:Paulerobbo@gmail.com) or 07866748919.

### Phone box on The Green

You may have missed it. No one used it in years. Finally British Telecom have now removed the 1990s style glass and aluminium call box on Great Horwood Village Green.

It has no plans to replace it. This modern, rather ugly public call box replaced a traditional K6 telephone box that used to stand next to what was once the village shop. So what to do with the empty plinth?

Recently a small group of villagers from both Great Horwood and Singleborough came together over a pint or two in The Crown and hatched the idea of enhancing the environment of the village Green, by seeing what interest there might be in installing a traditional red K6 telephone box.

Not only would it add to the area – and give the village a jump start for any future attempts to win village Green awards, we thought that a slice of practicality could be added to improving the local environment. The idea that we took to a recent meeting of the Parish Council included the following arguments in favour of raising funds to erect a K6 telephone box.

- 1) To provide a drop-by, free village public library (I realise there is another one in the village hall).
- 2) To enhance the village Green with a traditional K6 telephone box.
- 3) To ensure that an otherwise empty space and concrete base are made use of.

The K6 red telephone box is a popular feature in many towns and village. Some have been preserved.

Others that have been removed can be acquired or restored.

There is a local connection with the creator of the original K2 red telephone box in one of our neighbouring villages, Gawcott.

July 2017



Our Great Horwood Parish Council have no objections to the plan, but are restricted in that because the restored K6 phone box would not function as an actual telephone box, they would be unable to help fund a project like this.

We have identified a suitable red telephone box, which is in a good state of repair and have secured the volunteer services of friends who will be happy with re-building the existing base and placing the box on its plinth.

We have some interesting and novel fund raising ideas – but before we proceed any further would love to hear from Focus readers.

This includes asking each household in Great Horwood and Singleborough to contribute £35 each. This would guarantee a small brass plaque with the name(s) of each donor, placed inside the telephone box.

What do you think about the idea and if you approve, would you be prepared to help?

Do please let us know!

[seddonmark999@yahoo.com](mailto:seddonmark999@yahoo.com)



## MK Half Marathon Update – Tour De Si Team

Well we did it and it turned out to be a super day, I know Simon would have loved the occasion and he was very much in all our thoughts. I am really proud of what we achieved and the £4500 that we raised for Willen hospice, this will really make a difference. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone in the village that has shown their support and donated and to all those that have supported our family at this difficult time.

I haven't kept up the long distance running, but happily reverted to my normal route down Pilch Lane!

*Gemma*



### Lions Club of Winslow



The Great British Summer is here and we are now pushing ahead with our summer events programme.

In co-operation with the Winslow Show Association, we are holding the 'Wheels in Winslow' vehicle display and again this year we are proud to have as our sponsors KGB Car Body Repairs and Restorations.

This takes place on August Bank holiday Monday 28th August and proves to be a popular day out. If you wish to reserve your place in our Vehicle Display, you can download an entry form from our website today.

This is an opportunity to bring your 'Pride and Joy' for others to enjoy and allow you (and friends) to also sample the delight of a good old fashioned Country Show.

All of the funds raised from Wheels in Winslow will go to the Berks, Oxon and Bucks Air Ambulance appeal.

*Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)*

### Joy Georgeson

Joy passed away peacefully on Tuesday 13th June.

Her funeral service will be held at Holy Cross & St Mary's Cross, Quanton on Tuesday 4th July at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments at Quanton Village Hall.



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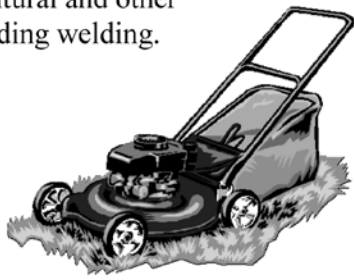
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## Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting - Monday 12 June 2017

This will be a report on two meetings which have taken place recently. First the Annual Parish Meeting which was held on 18 May and secondly the meeting of Great Horwood Parish Council on 12 June.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for all residents to hear about what has been going on in the parish during the last year. We tried a different format this year. Instead of lengthy presentations the formalities were kept to a minimum. The displays by village organisations provided an opportunity for people to speak directly to the groups and people concerned. In general this was well-received and we have certainly picked up some points for next year.

The Parish Council is grateful to all who presented displays and to the WI for providing the refreshments. It would have been nice if more residents had been present but it was good to see - and hear - the buzz of conversation.

The formal report to the Annual Parish Meeting highlighted different areas which the Parish Council has been trying to deal with during the past year. Four areas were highlighted -

(1) traffic matters, including speeding and parking, (2) maintenance matters such as grass cutting, footpaths and possible refurbishment of The Green, (3) planning matters and in particular the refusal of the Secretary of State to grant planning permission for the proposed Weston Road development, and (4) the wider context and the great uncertainty the parish faces in relation to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan and the extent of housing development in the area, concerns over what form any changes to local government may take and the potential impact of the Oxford Cambridge Expressway. We certainly live in interesting times.

The Chairman's report thanked parish councillors for their hard work and fellowship and the Clerk for all that she has done over the year to ensure the smooth running of the Parish Council. Thanks were also expressed to all the village organisations for all that they to contribute to the life of our community.

The full text of the Chairman's report will be available on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council meeting on 12 June heard updates on footpaths, Horwode Pece and village maintenance as well as feedback on the Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Accounts of the Parish Council for the year 2016/17 were reviewed and approved and revised financial reserves were agreed.

We are particularly grateful to the Clerk for all the hard work she has put in to keeping the accounts in order.

The Parish Council co-opted Gavin Laird as a parish councillor and looks forward to working with him as part of the team.

The Parish Council commented on several planning applications and noted with concern that there appears to have been no movement on the outstanding applications, despite earlier questions to the District Council.

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 10 July 2017 in the Village Hall.

Mary Saunders

Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council

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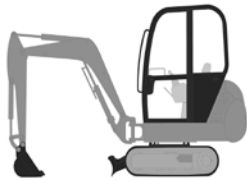
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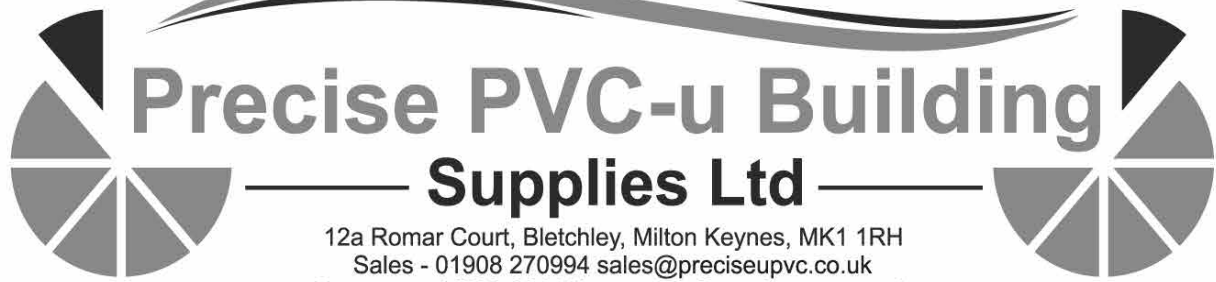
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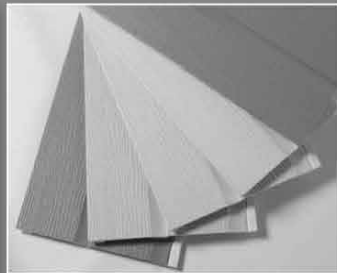
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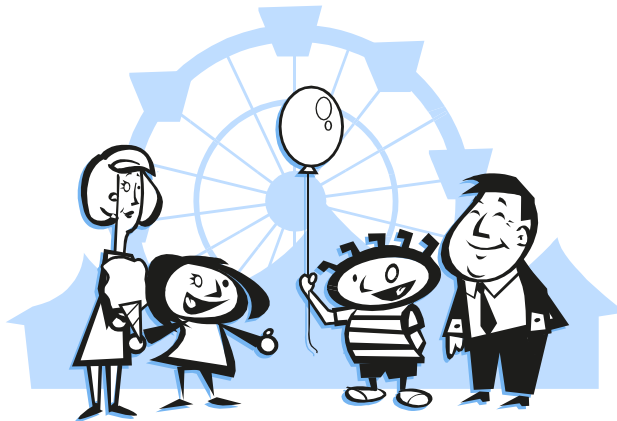
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