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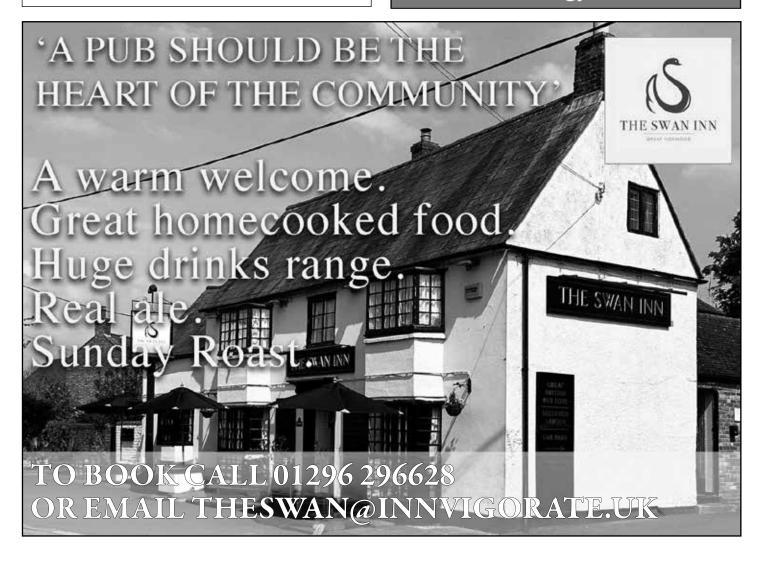


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July 28th11.00am Come and Praise

Church Key July: Tracy Taylor 712231

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August: David Moore 713281

FETE AND DOG SHOW TIME IS HERE 6TH JULY

What's still needed:

Bottles for the Tombola, please take to church or one of the Fête addresses.

Old plates and cups to be smashed in childrens games - also to the church. The church is open everyday.

Also, you can bring along on the day - along with any cakes!!

Help on the day:

Extra hands on the Tombola and Raffle stalls are always helpful and with the children's games.

Then especially tidying the Green at the end before going to the Swan.

CARS:

Please remove all cars by Friday afternoon 5th July.

On the Day parking is again available in the signposted fields on the right just down Piltch Lane after Singleborough road.

Please tell any friends visiting and use yourself if you are driving.

The more using the car park, will keep the High Street safer and available for disabled parking.

Meanwhile:

You may be visited to ask you buy raffle tickets - lots of prizes £50-100 and some more!!!

At the same time, you will be reminded of our request for Bottles, Cakes and Crockery!

The Great Horwood Fete and Dog Show 6th JULY is looking like a great day even the weather is going to be Summer in July.

VILLAGE HALL

We are now well and truly up and running and have secured regular bookings from an established drama group specialising in Musical Theatre classes, children's birthday parties, and other local bookings not to mention the General Election on July 4th!

We are now planning an official re opening day which will be on Saturday 21st September and will include local invited guests, together with hopefully all the volunteers who so generously gave their time and skills, and this will give us an opportunity to thank all the organisations who gave us financial support.

The refurbishment of the Hall cost around £250,000 and funding came from the Village Hall reserves, a section 106 grant from the development south of

Little Horwood road and from the Parish Council which included a community grant from Low Carbon who installed the Fox Covert solar farm. We also received two direct grants, the first being from the Winslow and Villages Community Board who provided funds for the disabled toilet and secondly one from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Hall fund whose fund is managed by ACRE on behalf of the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs. This grant covered 20% of eligible expenditure on the project.

The Trustees' thanks go to all these supporters.

We are still looking for someone special to help with maintaining the Hall for 10 hours per month on a variable rota to suit or perhaps on a job share basis.

lan Lamberton

Chairman

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PLANT SALE

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way and also for everyone who came and supported the plant sale. We made a total of £1920.50 which goes to Church funds.

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This highlights the importance of gardens and green spaces, and local action, in ensuring a future for hedgehogs.

There are plenty of simple ways to help our hedgehogs in our villages in our gardens and green spaces.

The best place to start is to follow 'tips for a hedgehog-friendly garden':-

- Link your garden with Hedgehog Highways (checkout www.hedgehogstreet.org)
- 2. Creating wild areas in the garden
- 3. Make your pond safe with a ramp
- 4. Deal with netting and litter
- 5. Put out supplementary food and fresh water in a shallow dish.
- 6. Stop using chemicals
- 7. Check before strimming
- 8. Make a home for a hedgehog

If you spot a poorly or injured hedgehog please contact - Deanshanger Hedgehog Rescue for advice Tel:- 07943 174349.

Thank you. C Wood

WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

All WADAS members are continuing to enjoy meeting up on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. These mornings are very useful because we encourage each other and sometimes come up with "useful ideas".

You might have visited one of the venues in the Bucks Art Weeks and seen exhibits by some of our members.

On 30th May one of our members sat for our excellent demonstrator Paul Berryman who, working with Nitram Charcoal produced a wonderful portrait. He was very informative regarding his material and methodology and was inspirational.

So, as I always say why not join us for one of our demonstration evenings at Winslow Bowls Club, doors open at 7pm and entrance fee is only £5?

I've included details of our next demonstrations below.

Please contact us for further information:

Chair: Cheryl Wilyman 01296 640755 Treasurer: Jackie Chambers 01296 713607 Secretary: Monica Gilbey 01296 711915 Our Demonstration evenings are:

27 June Karen Thomas, demonstration

on using graphite.

27 September Peter Keegan, Medium TBC

MEN IN SHEDS

Winslow Men's Shed is one of over 1100 examples in the UK and each Shed has its own, unique, character. We are lucky to have masses of working space, room for comfy chairs and a central location where we can connect with our commercial neighbours yet remain accessible for much of the town. This all contributes to our

unique character and a sense that we're playing a small part in making Winslow such a great place to live. We are grateful to Derry French for inviting us to spread the word and have a small display in Church for the St Lawrence Festival in June.

Being part of a National network has its benefits too. UK Men's Sheds have a sponsorship deal with Ronseal and invited all Sheds to submit bids for materials to support them in their community work. We'd almost given up on hearing anything when a courier turned up with a pallet load for us! Thank you Ronseal – you certainly have done what you said you would (on the tin or otherwise!).

Meanwhile, a couple of Shedders have been exploring exciting ways to secure materials for future projects. We were grateful to receive some large logs from an oak tree that, regrettably, had to be felled for safety reasons. The resulting boards will now need a couple of years to season properly but the beautiful timber is inspiring plenty of ideas already. Even the inevitable lumpy and gnarly chunks –usually firewood – is being visualised as bowls, candlesticks and vases by our woodturners!

Why not pop-in and be inspired yourself!

The Shed is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 4:00 at
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Winslow Market Service 54abc - runs every Wednesday morning

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return.

Buckingham Bus Service Tuesday 2 July

Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.

Westcroft Shopping Thursday 25 July

Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Asda Monday 24 June

Bus passes are not accepted on this trip which will cost £5.00. Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages Asda Shopping with the option to drop at Stadium MK1 for M&S, Primark, Next and more. Drop off at Westcroft on request..

The Three Trees, Bletchley. Monday July 8th Travel £5 Local Lunch out

Gloucester Steam Railway, Tuesday 23rd July

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Great Horwood Parish Council

LINDEN PARK (CHERRY LEAS)

Great Horwood Parish Council have had further discussions and have again met with a representative from the developer - High Street Homes. The plan is for the ownership of the Amenity Land to be transferred to the Parish Council in July 2024.

SHORTS FIELD (LODGE PARK HOMES)

Similarly, the Amenity Land for this development is also expected to be transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council in the next month or two, and we hope to bring more news on this in the next edition of Focus.

Councillors

We have two vacancies on the Council. If you think you might be interested in volunteering to serve your local community in this way, please email and we can arrange to have a chat about the role and see if it is suited to you johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com

FACEBOOK PAGE

As mentioned previously, The Parish Council now their own page on the social media platform, Facebook. It is simply called Great Horwood Parish Council. Have you liked this page yet?

Parish Council "Surgery"

The Parish Council have set up a drop in point at the Village Hall every 2 weeks, for the next few months. This will be on a Wednesday at 10am when the Village Hall is open for the Post Office/coffee morning. If you are unable to get to the monthly meetings but wish to chat to the Parish Council, this is your opportunity. The dates for the meetings are as follows: -

26th June, 10th July, 24th July, 7th August 21st August, 4th September, 18th September.

FIX MY STREET

Just a reminder to everyone that "FixMyStreet" is an online facility where anyone can make a public report for things like graffiti, fly tipping, broken pavings slabs, and potholes that they see in the Village. This information gets passed to Buckinghamshire Council for them to action. The website address is https://www.fixmystreet.com

THE CROWN

Ongoing discussions between the Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council and further updates will be given when they become available.

WELCOME PACK

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NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say - please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street.

Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

Cllr. John Gilbey: Chairman of the Council

johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com

BELL RINGERS WANTED

HOW ABOUT PLAYING THE REAL.....



You have probably noticed that there has been little bell ringing recently, ill fortune has made it difficult to get enough people together to make practice and service ringing viable. We are indebted to our friends from Little Horwood for helping out at the recent wedding and Easter. Hopefully the situation will change, and regular ringing will resume in the near future.

However, we are always on the lookout for new recruits, could you take up the challenge of learning to ring a bell and taking part in a fascinating activity dating back to the 15th century? Known in former times as 'The Exercise' bell ringing is both physically and mentally stimulating. If you already have some experience or are simply curious as to what is involved, please give me a call on 713281. Generally, practices take place in the tower from 7pm on Monday evenings. Thanks, David Moore

GREAT HORWOOD & SINGLEBOROUGH W

Members of Great Horwood & Singleborough WI recently enjoyed an informative and interesting talk from Chris Lowe about the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution). Chris spoke about how the lifeboat charity was formed, its help during the first and second world wars and the courage of its volunteers. There are currently 500 lifeboat stations in the UK with four stations solely manned by women. As it is a charity, the RNLI survives solely on its donations and our WI group was delighted to add a little ripple to help swell its funding. The GH&S WI often team up with other local WIs for events as well as the national federation, so there are always plenty of things on offer.

Our weekly walks on a Monday and Wednesday exploring the beautiful north Buckinghamshire countryside. If you're new to the village the WI is a great way to meet people. We have a varied programme throughout the year with some interesting speakers, visits to places of interest and theatre outings. Just before this issue of Focus is published, in June we have planned a visit to Friars Court in the

Cotswolds and our July meeting will have a guest speaker talking about the infamous

publisher Robert Maxwell and his fall (literally, or was he pushed off the boat?) from fame.

Once again, we will be running a tombola at the Great Horwood Village Fete on Saturday, 6th July to help raise funds for the church. Tickets are just £1 and every ticket wins a prize. We hope to see you there.

The Great Horwood & Singleborough WI meet every second Tuesday each month. If you'd like to join our

friendly group or would like more information, please contact Ann Biggins - 07961 960802.



Chris Lowe from the RNLI spoke about how the lifeboat charity was formed and how it has saved the lives of so many people.

EXCELLENT NEWS FROM NOOK PARK

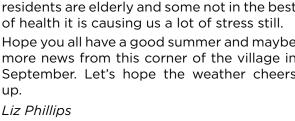
In the last focus we told you that Bucks Council had denied Joe Burns the status of Fit and proper person to run the park. This he appealed and was in front of the Tribunal once again in March.

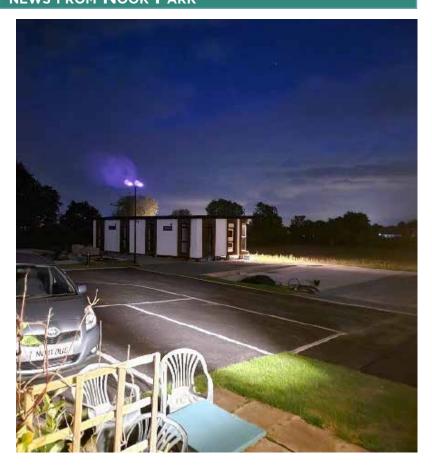
We have now heard from the council that the Tribunal upheld the Council's decision and that Mr Burns is not a Fit and proper person to run the park. He now has to put forward someone else for the fit and proper status. As yet we do not know who this will be.

There is still only the one new building on the park. Electricity has been connected and we presume the water. If you can see Nook Park from where you live you may be able to see it lit up when it gets dark.

We as residents are still being intimidated and being sent threatening emails. I won't go into detail, but when you think that the residents are elderly and some not in the best

Hope you all have a good summer and maybe more news from this corner of the village in September. Let's hope the weather cheers up.





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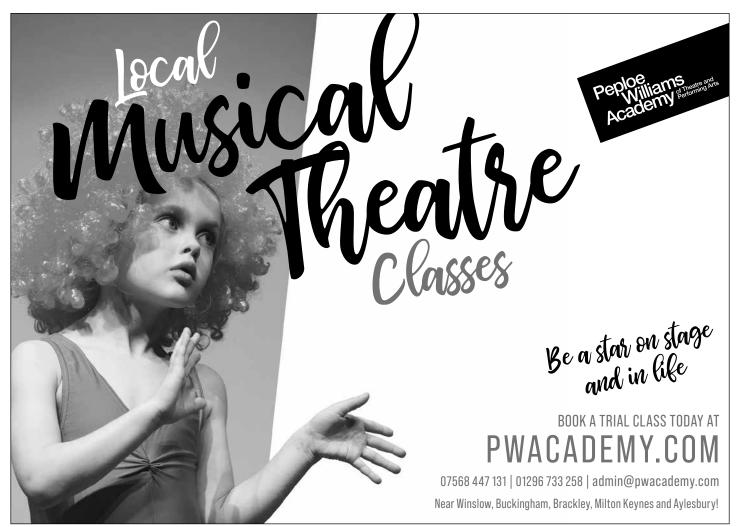
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I am pleased to announce that the Art and Craft Club is back in the Village Hall following the refurbishment. We continue to meet on a Friday morning from 10.00 to 12.00 noon and invite anyone to come along and join us.

You don't need to be an expert in any particular hobby. We welcome anyone who would like to spend some time with like-minded people and enjoy a chat with coffee and biscuits, and maybe pass on your expertise to anyone who would like to learn something new.

Let me tell you a little bit about the club. From time to time, we set ourselves projects in which we all participate. You probably noticed the Guardsmen on the bollards on the Green which at Christmas were disguised as Father Christmas.

This was just one project which took place. Many more projects have taken place. One of the latest has been the quilt shown in the photo because some of our members wanted to learn to do embroidery. A new challenge. They were helped by other very talented members. This quilt will be donated to a charity which has yet to be decided.

So, if you feel you would like to come and see what we are all about. Pop in, the kettle is always on the boil.