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3rd July	11.00am	Holy Communion
10th July	11.00am	Come and Praise
17th July	11.00am	Holy Communion
24th July	11.00am	Come & Share
31st July	11.00am	Holy Communion

7th Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th Aug	11.00am	Come and Praise
21st Aug	11.00am	Holy Communion
28th Aug	11.00am	Come & Share

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I Lamberton	I Lamberton	D Brazier

Church Key: July - Rita Essam - 714424

September - Rita Essam - 714424

August - David Moore - 713281

CHURCH ROOF

Exciting news to report. We are meeting our contractors at the beginning of July to agree a start date for replacing the Church roof with Zinc following the theft of the Lead 3 years ago. It is hoped the work will commence in August or September.

Thanks to many generous contributions and the Church's own funds we have enough to replace the roof. We will need to redecorate the interior of the Church due to the damage caused by rain damage caused by not having a permanent roof.

So please do continue to support our fund raising efforts or make a donation direct as all our funds are being used on the roof as we cannot go through another winter without additional damage being caused. At least another £20,000 still needs to be raised.

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POSTPONED JUBILEE CELEBRATION - SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Great Horwood and Giocosco Bands are very sorry that poor weather conditions forced us to cancel our performances at the Jubilee picnic in the Pece. Unfortunately, our music is very expensive to replace if it gets rained on.

Rather than laying the burden of organising another event on the Parish Council, the two bands are going to organise the postponed Jubilee performance. We think it would be lovely to involve other villagers and organisations in the celebrations too and to make it an afternoon out for everyone to enjoy. We're planning to hold the event at Great Horwood cricket ground on the afternoon of Sunday 18th September and we'd really love to hear from anyone who would like to help plan or run the event. The cricket club will host the bar but perhaps another organisation would like to sell cream teas or cakes. Perhaps we could call in one or two catering vans. Would someone like to make a celebration arch, as villagers have traditionally done for every previous Jubilee and coronation celebration? Could you source Jubilee souvenirs for the children? Perhaps you'd like to run a game or offer face-painting. Maybe you'd like to show us a bit of what your village organisation does and hopefully attract some new members. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Sharon Cook at ghsbsecretary@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

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Useful contact details

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PCSO Andy Piotrowski	Tel: 101
WinslowandDistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk	

JULY 2022

Aylesbury Market Bus - runs every Friday and Saturday morning -- from Winslow, through Gt Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley and Swanbourne, arriving in Aylesbury just after 10am and departing at 12.15pm. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.



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 5th 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 14th and 28th July Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Haddenham Summerfest - Saturday 2nd July

Beer Festival - £17, price includes entrance and return travel

Waterperry Gardens - Tuesday 19th July Wander around the beautiful gardens, indulge in a spot of retail therapy in the Gift Barn and Gallery and enjoy refreshments in the tea room. £20 includes entrance and travel

Asda - Monday 27th June. Bus passes are not accepted on this trip and 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.

Lunch at The Warbler on the Wharf - Tuesday 26th July

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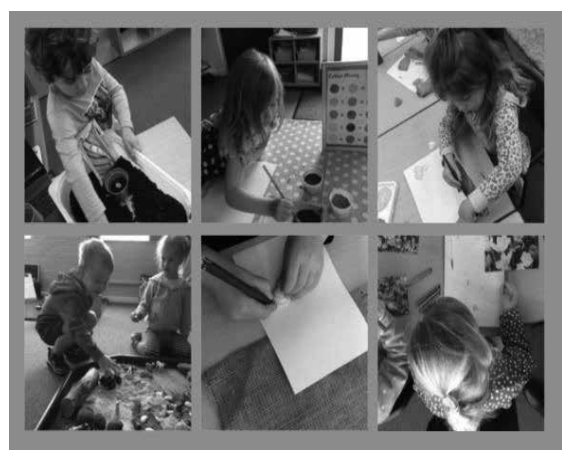
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Acorns- Nursery & Reception!

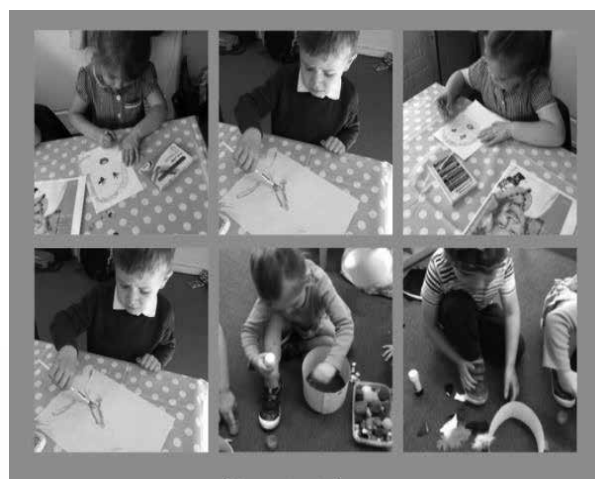


Acorns have been having lots of fun this term exploring the natural world around them!

They have had lots of fun exploring all things Spring including the themes of; Rain, The Moon, Spring Flowers, Rainbows and Tadpoles. They have also begun to explore all things Summer including the themes of; Under the Sea and Sunshine and Shadows!

Alongside this, they enjoyed learning all about the Queen in our Jubilee celebrations! They made paintings of crowns and portraits of the Queen.

They were very lucky and sang 'Happy Royal Jubilee' whilst cutting our Jubilee cake!



We continue to have places available for Nursery (3+) and Reception for September 2022-23!

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GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

Firstly, can I say thank you on behalf of the Great Horwood Silver Band for all the support we have received for the recent events we have taken part in, the Concerts on the Green and especially the Jubilee event that took place on the 2nd June. We have thoroughly enjoyed performing for you and look forward to future events where we can entertain everyone.

Unfortunately, the Jubilee event that was due to take place on Sunday 5th June was cancelled due to the uncertainty over the weather.

However, we are proposing that a family event, which will hopefully make up for the cancelled one, be arranged. This event has been provisionally pencilled in for Sunday 18th September 2022 and will take place at the Great Horwood Cricket Club with both the Great Horwood Silver Band and the Giocoso band agreeing to play to entertain. The timing and format of the event will need to be organised, so if you would like to get involved with the organisation and running of the event, please contact myself and I will bring everyone together on a committee to finalise arrangements.

We are very quiet over the summer at the moment with our next engagement being at the Great Horwood fete on the 2nd July, where we hope to see everyone enjoying an afternoon of music and merriment.

The Great Horwood Band are pleased to announce that our training band has finally restarted after our enforced break of over two years. We are very pleased to say that we have some new players that have started with us and hopefully more will come along, so if you think playing in a brass band is something you would like to try, then please come along on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm to meet us. We are open to all players of any age or ability and would love to see you.

We did hold our first Brass Workshop at Great Horwood School on the 28th May, where we had range of instruments for people to try and music ready for those who could already play to come and join us, however it was not well attended. This has not put us off though and we will be holding another workshop at some point, so watch this space, our Facebook page and our website for details of this.

Upcoming events:

Saturday July 2nd 2022 – Great Horwood Fete, taking place on The Green, Great Horwood 1pm until 4pm.

Wednesday 20th July 2022 – Concert on the Green, 7.15pm – 8.45pm. A free concert for people to come and listen to with a picnic and a glass of something.

Sunday 18th September 2022 – Replacement Jubilee event – Great Horwood Cricket Club – details to be confirmed. Please contact me if you are interested in helping organise this event.

Contact details:

Ghsbsecretary@gmail.com, Facebook and our website, greathorwoodband.com,

GARDENING TIMES

When I was a horticulture student, I worked on placement in Benmore Botanic Garden up in Argyll on the West Coast of Scotland. It was a huge place, filled with trees and ferns with very little, aside from the Ponticum Rhododendrons in way of colour. The only exception to this were the foxgloves, thousands of them spread across the hillsides. One of my jobs was, when needed, to dig them up, pop them in a pot and take them to the shop where they would slap on a price tag and flog them for a fiver, it must have been the easiest money that the garden ever made.

Foxgloves are a mesmerising plant, I doubt that there is anyone who hasn't sat entranced whilst the biggest, fattest bumblebee climbs inside the flower, eats her fill (and it is always a she), gets dusted in pollen, before backing out, flying to the next flower down and spreading her love all over (albeit accidentally). It is one of the sights and sounds of summer that lifts the heart. I remember sitting with my daughter when she was aged 3 and us both being spellbound by the dance of it, plant and animal in perfect synch. These are the little things that stick in the memory, those little glimpses of heaven.

The flower spikes tend to be quite short-lived, before long there will only be one or two lonely bell flowers at the top with the rest setting seed. With that in mind, we need to think of the future and for us to have wonderful blooms next year, (they are biennials, meaning that their lifecycle is spread over 2 years), now is the time that we need to be sowing our seeds, getting a little growth before autumn sets in and giving us and our pollinators a real treat next year. The seeds do require light to germinate however, so don't bury them in your compost, leave them lying on top but make sure there is enough contact between seed and soil.

The gorgeous displays that a group of them will give in that time between Spring and Summer that we call the "Hungry Gap" and our native *Digitalis purpurea*, has a penchant for lightly shady places that makes them wonderful additions to most situations. However, it has to be said that there needs to be a little caution with them as they are almost as famous for their toxicity as they are for their beauty. They featured a lot in folk medicine, despite the fact that they are very poisonous. They were used in the treatment of dropsy (accumulation of fluid in the tissues) and they would work dramatically if erratically and far too often fatally. *Digitalis* is still used in the treatment of heart complaints, it regulates the rhythm of the heart but personally speaking, I would leave that to the experts. If you have any seeding foxgloves in your garden already (and why wouldn't you?), give them a little tap as you pass and this will disperse the tiny seeds so they can get on with the job of making babies. Sunnier spots would prefer to have some of their Mediterranean cousins instead such as *Digitalis grandiflora* or *D. lutea* (when anything has the species name *lutea*, that tells us that the flowers will be yellow). Give the fairies a variety of colourful bonnets for next year.

HORWOOD CHERRIES



We are excited to announce that we will be opening for **Pick Your Own** cherries this year. Pre booking is essential as entry will only be admitted by ticket. Please visit www.horwoodcherries.co.uk for more details and to book.



We would very much like you to bring your own punnet, bowl, pot (whatever you wish) to pick in to but we will also have punnets for sale.

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Jobs to do in the garden this month

- It isn't just Foxgloves that can be sown now, Wallflowers, Sweet Williams, Evening Primrose and honesty can all be done now.
- Take cuttings of hydrangeas, they are usually really easy to do it, you can put the cuttings into a glass of water and you can watch them grow roots (change the water twice a week, otherwise it turns to soup).
- Start picking your courgettes, before they get to the size of Big Daddy's leg.

- Chop back Delphiniums, Geums and Hardy Geraniums and see if you get another flush of flower later on.
- WATER POTS!!!! Preferably late in the evening or very early in the morning, otherwise it all just evaporates away.
- Pick your sweet peas, and bring them into the house, it is one of my favourite smells

And lastly

- **Collect seeds, we are called to be abundant so let's share a little of God's beauty with each other through seed exchanges!!!!**

Rev'd Mark

MEN IN SHEDS

The summer months are usually a little quieter for us at the Shed. Planned activities tend to be completed by now and our to-do list of community-focussed projects tend to be finished, delivered and, by now, earning their keep. The first half of this year has been particularly busy and next month we should be able to report on how children at Winslow Combined School are getting on with their new playground equipment – so far so good we're told! We should also have news about our forthcoming visit to Bicester Heritage Skills Academy which, as many of you will know, is fast becoming a nationally important base for training the next generation of historic vehicle technicians. There might be opportunities for mutual benefit in further liaison but, whatever the outcome, we're sure it will be a fascinating visit.

Just in time for Jubilee celebrations, Padbury village residents were delighted to receive their new book-swap cabinet - now installed outside the Village Hall. *(Picture above right)* As a welcome diversion from

months (years!) of spanner work, Ray completed this woodwork job as the latest in his long list of Shed accomplishments.

We will be meeting throughout the summer months and we still have plenty of jobs in hand but, as members start disappearing for annual holidays, individual projects are likely to come to the fore. With glorious summer weather on the cards (of course) it may be the perfect time to take a stroll down Station Road and pop-in for a brew. Hope to see you soon.

**The Shed is open every Tuesday and Thursday
10:00 - 4:00 at Unit 4, Station Road Ind. Estate.**

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GREATHORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH WI

The Power of Plants was the theme of the presentation at the Great Horwood & Singleborough WI meeting in June, given by Maria Greenhill. Maria is a qualified aromatherapist and after a brief introduction on the history of essential oils she spoke about the health benefits when used individually or by combining several in a recipe.

Maria explained the many uses of essential oils from fragrancing rooms using a diffuser to using them for massage or to treat ailments. If applied to the skin she warned that the oils must be mixed with a carrier oil (such as almond, grapeseed or rosehip seed oil) – the only exception being lavender, which can be used neat. Described as a 'first-aid kit in a bottle', lavender oil is especially good for burns, cuts, bites, headaches and spots.

She said that eucalyptus is proven for its effectiveness against coughs, colds and flu but should not be used if diabetic or epileptic. It can be mixed with lemon and used in a room diffuser, spray or steam inhalation but is not advised for asthma sufferers. Other recipes

containing eucalyptus (in the right quantities) can be especially helpful to relieve aches and pains, including rheumatism.

Maria also shared some natural cleaning recipes to freshen the home and kill bacteria. It was a fascinating, enlightening talk which only scratched the surface of how to harness the power of essential plant oils to relax the mind and body and relieve pain from minor ailments, naturally.

Now that the growing season is upon us, the Great Horwood & Singleborough WI group have a fresh produce stall for members to buy surplus fresh fruit and vegetables grown by other members. It is proving to be a well-liked addition, with all produce 'sold'.

Our walking group, which meets every Monday, continues to be a popular start to the week. Recent walks have included Willen and Furzton Lakes in Milton Keynes, Stockgrove and Rushmere Country Parks near Gt Brickhill, and the fields around Stony Stratford to Passenham finishing in the Ouse Valley Park. We have seen a variety of wildlife including ducks, geese and swans with their young and the heronry at Rushmere with young herons on the nest.

If you've recently moved to Great Horwood, the local WI is a great place to meet people. As well as informal meetings every second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall with a guest speaker, we also enjoy trips to places of interest, workshops, lunches and afternoon teas.

If you would like to attend our July meeting to see if the WI is for you and find out more, please contact Ann Biggins annieqqmk@gmail.com / 07961 960802. You



can also meet some of the committee and members who will be hosting a WI tombola stall at the Great Horwood fete on July 2nd - every ticket bought is guaranteed a prize!



At the June WI meeting, the aromatherapist guest speaker spoke about the different remedies and health benefits of essential oils.

As well as a lovely aroma, lavender oil has many uses from sleep inducement to relief from painful bites.

The walking group has seen a variety of wildlife during its Spring and early Summer walks.



CAKES FOR UKRAINE

Despite the damp weather £383 was raised for the DEC Ukraine Appeal. This is amazing. Thank you to everyone who supported this with cakes and donations. We are very grateful.

The Nicholls Family

QUIZ TIME

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

We welcome Andy Waller who has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. This now brings Great Horwood Parish Council to its full complement.

LITTER PICK

On 8th May residents were out in force with rubbish sacks and litter pickers to clean up the village. Many sacks were filled from all corners of Great Horwood and promptly collected by Bucks Council the day afterwards. A big thank you to everyone, especially to Yvonne Taylor, Group Scout Leader and her team of leaders, all uniformed Beavers and Cub Scouts and not forgetting their parents.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



A big thank you to everyone who attended the event on The Green on Thursday 2nd June. It was wonderful to hear the bells start the evening off by 'calling' residents to The Green to listen to the Silver Band, who played a wide range of music on a lovely sunny evening. The beacon lighting was successful and just one of 3,500 beacons lit at the same time in the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries.



What a shame 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' couldn't take place due to the uncertain weather. With the downpour the previous evening and no shelter, it was decided to re-arrange this event so the Silver Band and Giocosio Band can entertain us later in the summer. Watch out for a new date soon.

WELCOME! Ласкаво просимо

Welcome to Olga and her two children who have arrived in the village from the Ukraine. We hope you will be very happy and settle quickly into village life.



PARISH PUMP

INFORMATION SHARING GROUP

This is a good way of communicating useful information to villagers. If you would like to receive information first hand, such as PC Agendas, Minutes, Thames Valley Police info, roadworks updates and other ad hoc information, please contact me with your email address and I will add you to my list.



FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES

As in previous years, Great Horwood Parish Council will once again be donating up to £3000 to local causes. If you would like your group to be considered, you need to start thinking about your bid. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, contact details below. Applicants must be from organisations associated with the village. Winning bids will be announced at the December Parish Council meeting. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2022**.



WELCOME TO GREAT HORWOOD

A big welcome to our new residents! There have been many people moving in and out recently. We hope you are settling in and enjoying our lovely village community. Would you like to receive a Welcome Pack? This has recently been updated and includes information on village organisations, the School, Pub, Church and the local area. Please contact John Gilbey by email on johnwgilbey@gmail.com



FOCUS ONLINE

Did you know that there is an online edition of Focus with every copy from February 2012?

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<https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/focus-magazine/>

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on **Monday 11th July at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/
Sue Brazier, Parish Clerk Great Horwood
clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Margaret & Lindsay for organising and running the Plant Sale again this year. We would like to thank everyone who supported our annual plant sale. We were delighted to have raised approx £1500 towards the Church Roof Appeal.



Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2023.

GREAT HORWOOD GIRLGUIDING

Jubilee Celebrations

The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers enjoyed special parties to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Brownies and Rainbows had a teddy bears' picnic party and the Guides and Rangers had an afternoon tea party - but in the evening with hot chocolate instead of tea! We all dressed up in red, white and blue, posh frocks or Jubilee t-shirts, played games and ate far too many delicious cakes and scones.

Adult Helpers Needed

Because of a reduction in Rainbow joining age, the Brownies and Rainbows will need to stop meeting as one combined unit from September. We have enough girls now to make this viable but - yet again - we don't have enough adults. I desperately need at least two adults to help me please - one for Rainbows and one for Brownies - or one kind person who is happy to do both. I run all the Girlguiding meetings on Mondays during term time. From September, the new meeting time for Rainbows will be about 4.30-5.30pm and Brownies will meet about 5.45-7.00pm. Guides and Rangers meet after that.

Whilst I'd really love to have another qualified Leader to help me with all the organisation, I'd be absolutely delighted just to have a reliable adult to come along every week to help me with whatever activities I've organised for the Rainbows and the Brownies. Volunteers need to be aged 18 or older and willing to submit to criminal records checks. There's no upper age limit and Unit Helpers don't even need to be female. If you're interested in helping or would like to find out more, please contact me at claremartin71@btinternet.com or on 07501 636037 or 01296 712034.

If you have a daughter who's interested in trying Rainbows (age 4-7), Brownies (7-10), Guides (10-14) or Rangers (14-18) please get in touch using the same contact details or register your daughter via the Girlguiding UK website: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>
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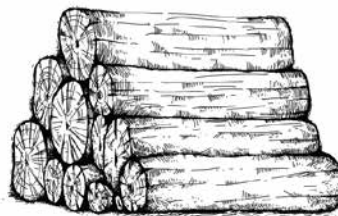
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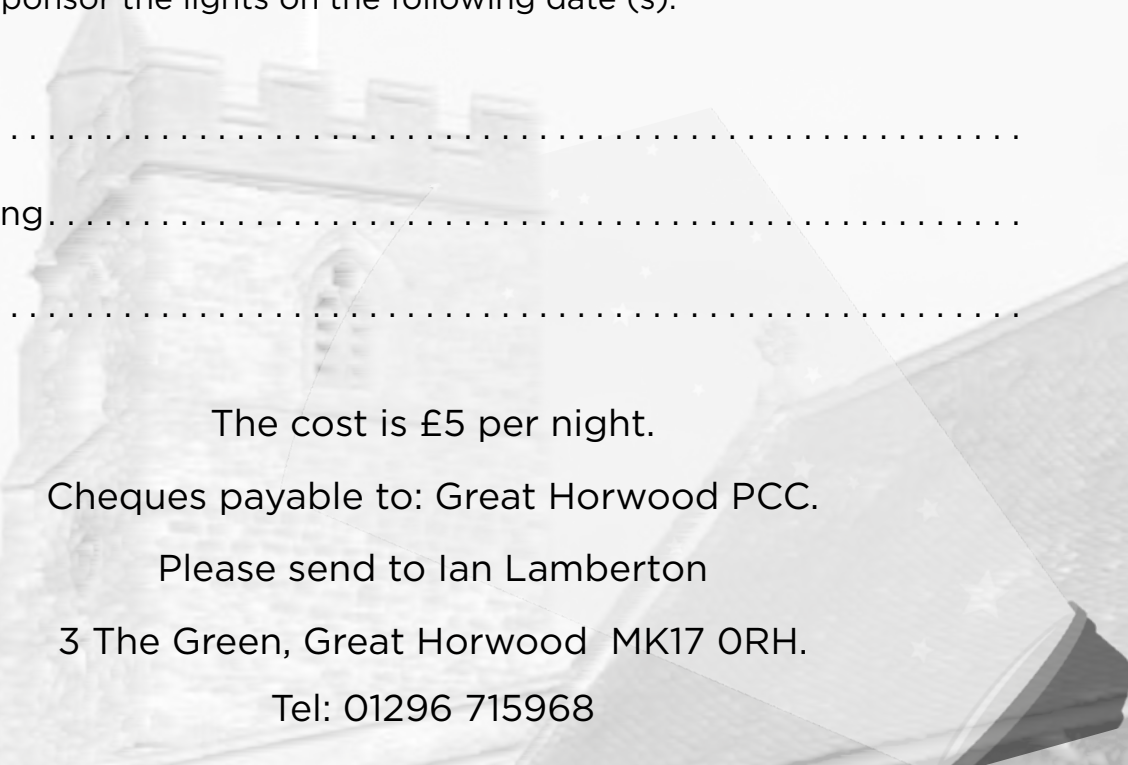
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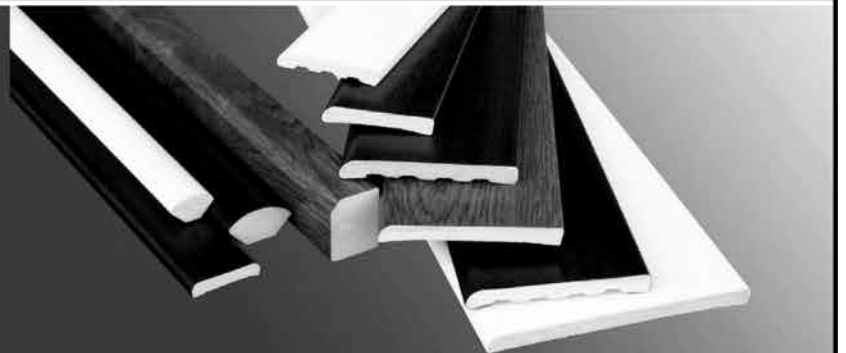
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