

FOCUS

COMMUNITY EVENT! - Saturday Sept 5th

I am planning to reinstate the once held

Great Horwood Annual produce show.

Anyone in the community can get involved either by growing, making, baking or taking... (a photo).



There are 10 categories as follows:

- Children Make it! **Potato animal**
- Bake it! **7" Victoria Sponge (recipe to be supplied)**
- Craft it! **Vase of 5 perennial flowers**
- Collect it! **Funniest shaped vegetable**
- Provide it! **Jar of gooseberry jam**
- Grow it! **5 Runner beans**
- Harvest it! **5 sweet apples**
- Forage for it! **Bottle of hedgerow cordial**
- Take it! **Photograph of the village church**
- WIN IT! **BEST IN SHOW**

The Show will take place on Saturday September 5th in the Village hall and prizes will be given.

To enter you need to look at the categories, decide on which to enter, then grow or make your selected entries and in September you can bring your creations to the village hall to be judged. Entry is £1 per category.

A full entry form with further details will appear in next month's edition of focus. Any questions, please contact Paul Robertson on 07866748919, or call at 20A Spring Lane, Great Horwood.

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- 25th July :** The Cantells play at the Swan tickets available from the pub now.
- 19th September :** The RED BULLETS live.
Tickets available from pub now. Plus hog roast.
- Quiz:** First Sunday of each Month.

Church Times

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phone: 715131

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St James' Services for June

7th June	11.00am	Holy Communion
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21st June	11.00am	Holy Communion
28th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
28th June	11.00am	Service of the Word
5th July	11.00am	Holy Communion

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D Brazier	I Lamberton	J Margerrison

Village Fete



Just a reminder that the Village Fête will take place on Saturday 4th July on The Green.

If you have any donations, the committee will be door to door collecting and selling raffle tickets the week before the fête. If you would prefer to deliver to stall holders, please take to:

- Valerie Porritt – filled jars for the jarbola stall (or leave in Church by the door)
- Jackie Goss – bottles for the bottle stall
- Sue Brazier – Cakes

If you would like to help in any way or on the afternoon, please contact David Brazier on 714712.

Horwode Pece

PICNIC ON THE PECE

Sunday 7th June



PICNIC ON THE PECE Sunday 7th June 12 noon onwards with music from Giocososo Band. Bring along your picnic, family, friends and pets and enjoy the day (the weather will hopefully be kind!). Please be good enough to take your rubbish home but not the games kindly loaned for the day by Steve and Janthea Brigden.

Angela Mayne and Val Porritt are stepping down as PC Trustees of the Recreation Committee and Angela is leaving the committee too. Val is staying on the committee and whilst Angela will no longer be a trustee or committee member, she and her husband have kindly agreed to stay on the Equipment check rota which takes place each week to ensure all the equipment at the Rec is up to standard. There is a small band of volunteers who do this on a rota basis, **if anyone would like to join this group of volunteers you would be very welcome**, the more on the rota, the less frequent you have to do it! at present it is once every eight weeks and takes approximately an hour to go through the check list. **If you would like to join or have more information please contact John Nicholls** on 01296 715331 or email liz.nicholls@lineone.net

Cathy Holland - Committee member.



Please come and help Great Horwood Rainbows

After eight years as leader of the Great Horwood Rainbow unit, I have decided that it is time to move on and instead, get involved in some of the other local voluntary organisations.

Becky Porter, who has been assistant leader for several years has agreed to take over, **but she will need some support.**

Rainbows are the youngest group within the Girl-guiding organisation; membership is open to girls aged 5-7 years. They meet 5-6pm on Wednesdays at Great Horwood Scout Hut (in the school grounds).

We currently have 11 girls in the group, so it is not too daunting. The girls enjoy playing games, doing craft activities, cooking, singing songs and spending as much time as possible outdoors. They are full of fun and are always keen to try new things.

We are looking for anyone over 18 who has some spare time and enthusiasm. You don't need to have children yourself, or have any experience of Guiding. This is a great way to become more involved in the local community and to meet new people.

If you think you might like to get involved or just want to find out more, please telephone me. I could also arrange for you to come along to a meeting to see what it is like.

Thank you

Jill White Tel: 01296 713828

A Call for Help - "Great Horwood: Past & Present"



The paperback published by the Great Horwood Book Planning Group in Autumn 2012 has been notably successful, so much so that stocks are almost exhausted. We'd very much like this village book to be available to residents and others on a continuing basis. We'd also love to make good use of all the material we didn't have space for.

So we are thinking of setting up a website or publishing an e-book, or even both. However, we lack the technical expertise to do either of these. Have you got suitable experience and technical know-how? And would you like to be involved in this valuable community project? If so we'd love to hear from you.

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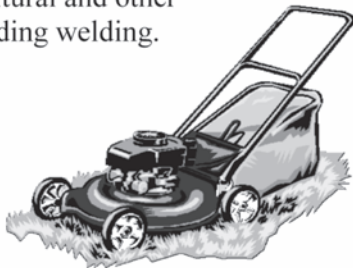
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Lions Club of Winslow



The Lions Club of Winslow would like to thank everyone who recently donated to our recent fund-raiser for Marie Curie in Winslow and in Buckingham.



Marie Curie helps those people living with any terminal illness, and their families. They offer expert care, guidance and support to help them get the most from the time they have left.

Working closely with the NHS, local independent hospices and other charities, they have pioneered and developed new ways of providing care & comfort for people's needs. By expanding the services they offer in local communities, especially day services, they have become regional centres of excellence in care.

The service continues to grow, and a major study by the Nuffield Trust provided strong evidence that the Marie Curie Nursing Service reduces the need for emergency hospitalisation and allows more terminally ill people to remain at home and cuts hospital costs.

Marie Curie also helps those caring for loved ones. The organisation offers support on financial issues such as bereavement benefits, TV licence concessions, Pension Planning and Insurance.

The Lions Club of Winslow has been doing collections for the past three years, but this year proved to be our best yet. For the first time since we began collecting, we took to the streets of our native Winslow and raised £357, breaking the record for a Marie Curie collection in the town. Buckingham Garden Centre also proved to be a great collection point for us and the shoppers visiting kindly donated £535.

With this year's donations we have now donated over £3,500 to Marie Curie and we will be hoping to easily break the £4000 barrier next year!

Thanks again to everyone who donated...

Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

Great Horwood Silver Band



The band members are busy rehearsing new music and are looking forward to a very busy Summer season as usual, starting with Adstock Open Gardens on 6th June 2pm to 4pm, Thornton College Fete on 7th June from 1pm and on Sunday 28th June they will be playing a Concert on Parsons Close Bandstand in Leighton Buzzard Park from 3pm.

On Saturday 4th July the band will play for the Great Horwood Church Fete from 1pm. On Sunday 12th July they return again to Carey Lodge retirement home in Wing for the family open day and on Saturday 25th July the Aston Abbotts Church fete from 1pm. We also have a busy August and September.

The Training band hope to have a concert in Great Horwood Village hall in September.

100 Club winners for April were:

- Alan Swan £12
- George Shaw £8

The draw is made monthly for £12 and £8, and in June and December the prize is £50. If anyone would like to join the 100 Club at 10p per week, please contact any band member.

At our recent Committee meeting it was agreed that all the proceeds from the Concert in Great Horwood Village Hall at Christmas will be divided between the Village hall funds and Focus Magazine.

We have a few surplus instruments for sale suitable for learners, if anyone is interested in purchasing one please contact Beryl on 01908 510809.

Beryl Lack

Website : www.freewebs.com/greathorwood



Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor

Driving licences – the paper counterpart is being abolished

Are you aware that from 8th June 2015, the paper counterpart to the photocard driving licence will not be valid and will no longer be issued by DVLA. This means that from that day neither the photocard driving licence nor the paper licence will provide an accurate account of any driving endorsements you may have. Instead, this information will be held on DVLA's driver record, and can be checked online, by phone or post.

After 8th June 2015 if you are hiring a vehicle or you drive for a living and you are asked to provide evidence of your driving record (entitlements and/or penalty points), you will be able to do this online for free by accessing the Share Driving Licence service. This service is currently in development but will be available before the counterpart is abolished. The service should be used by both paper and photocard driving licence holders and will also allow you to download a summary of your licence record which can be printed or shared.

Holidays and hiring cars? In practice, this means that 48 hours before you need to hire a car you must contact the *Share Driving Licence service* to obtain a reference number which relates to your driving record. You then must contact the hire company within 72 hours to make the reservation, at which time you will be asked for the reference number.

Anti social behaviour (ASB)

The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 brought in a lot of different powers to deal with all aspects of ASB. Section 35 of this Act is a power for the police (and PCSOs where designated) to disperse people causing harassment, alarm or distress. Following authorisation from at least the rank of Inspector, the power enables officers to require a person who has committed, or is likely to commit ASB, to leave a specified area and not return for up to 48 hours. Failure to comply is an arrestable offence. Inspector Davies authorised a Section 35 Dispersal Order in Winslow for 17/18/19 April due to high levels of ASB but it was not enforced that weekend as everyone behaved themselves.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to emphasize the importance of calling them at the time the ASB is occurring so they have a chance to engage and deal robustly with the culprits. Ringing TVP retrospectively, whilst making us aware of where ASB is occurring to increase patrols in those areas, prevents us from actually dealing with the incidents properly.

Wendy Taylor

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This year is the WI centenary and the baton was brought to Great Horwood on 23rd April as part of its travels throughout the country. It was driven here by one of our members, Ruth Marsden, in her little red vintage tractor with "St George" as her passenger. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with celebrations (Bucks Fizz, tea and home-made biscuits) on the green in lovely sunshine as you can see from the photo.

Our speaker this month was David Garlick who gave a very informative talk about Customs and Excise. He had some very amusing anecdotes about his time in the service.



Next month's speaker on Tuesday 9th June in the Village Hall will be Emily Brady giving a "hands on" talk about Manga Art (Japanese cartoon drawing). It should be very amusing! Visitors are always welcome.

For any details please contact Karen Wilkinson on 01296 712933

Angela Mayne
 June 2015

LOCAL WILDLIFE NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE...

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We have a Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust reserve on our doorstep at Pilch field, which is on the corner 200 yards before the chicken farm in Pilch Lane as you come from Great Horwood.

This is a SSSI (site of special scientific interest) due to the variety of the plants and flowers that grow there.

But it needs some help - **if you are interested in joining a local group to carry out some conservation work - mainly digging up small invasive hawthorn bushes - then please contact me for more information.** The commitment would be 3 or 4 hours a month over the summer/early autumn. Tools and refreshments provided.

Thanks.

Ann Biggins Tel: 01296 714052 or 07961960802
(e-mail: annieqq@hotmail.co.uk)

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION (7th May)

RESULT FOR GREAT HOROOD WARD

Candidate	Party	Votes
Billy Stanier	Conservative	1323
Alexandra Stubbings	Green Party	529
Turnout: 72.5% Spoiled vote: 24 Elected: Billy Stanier		

The Conservatives retain overall control of AVDC with 43 of the 59 seats. The Lib Dems remain the official opposition despite losing half their councillors (8) and ending up with 9 seats.

Dean White

BUCKSOPENSTUDIOS

Countywide exhibitions and events by local artists and makers

This June, Buckinghamshire is celebrating thirty years of Open Studios where **local artists open their doors in a free event running from 6th to 21st June.** It's your opportunity to explore the creative talent in your area, and the artists of Winslow and Buckingham have made things easy by designing a local art trail for the district. Published copies of our art trail are available from libraries and community centres as well as the participating venues. You can also download our trail and lots more information at www.bucksopenstudios.org.uk

The trail covers Stowe to Westcott, Tingewick to Winslow. You can expect to see a mix of both techniques and exhibition spaces on your doorstep. We have everything from silversmiths to printmakers, glass artists to painters. We'll be exhibiting and demonstrating everywhere from working studios to group shows in your local church. Everyone will be exhibiting and selling work, but you can expect much more from this free event. We aim to show you our techniques, our tools, our methods and just what goes into creating a piece of art. Some venues will be offering a chance to get hands on, while others provide a cuppa or extra exhibition about the history of their technique.

You'll see our yellow signs out on the roads for Bucks Open Studios and you can be sure of a friendly reception. Children are very welcome; meeting a working artist can be inspirational whatever their age. It's also a chance to chat about having a go yourself: many of us run classes and are very happy to help you discover your own talent. Finally, if you do decide to invest in the art on offer you can be sure it is a unique piece, locally made and you'll leave with the memory of just how it was created.

Laura Boswell



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Chairman's Monthly Report

Last Meeting – Monday 11th May 2015

Great Horwood
Parish Council

Introduction

It is with great pleasure that I write this piece as the new **Chairman of the Great Horwood Parish Council**.

I take over from Cllr John Gilbey who has been a tireless and amazingly enthusiastic Chairman. He has accomplished a huge amount in an outstanding 8 years in the role and deserves our heartfelt thanks. He will now become Vice-Chairman and doubtless keep me on the straight and narrow!

I also extend a big thanks to Karen Francis our Clerk who works tirelessly to bring everything together, to coordinate all the disparate efforts and to keep the accounts.

At the first meeting of the new term for the Parish Council, we brought together the new and returning parish councillors, elected the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and agreed the representatives of the Parish Council for the many external and internal committees which we attend. I was incredibly pleased to note the enthusiasm of the new team and the desire to make a difference. We are all volunteers who give our time to serve the local community in an effort to improve the quality of life for everyone, to safeguard the heritage and character of our parish, and to ensure that Great Horwood and Singleborough are vibrant and provide a welcome environment for our local businesses. We will all, I am sure, endeavour to do the best possible job and strive towards the vision espoused in the Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan which drew heavily upon our Parish Plan of 2006:

“The vision for Great Horwood Parish in 2031 is that it will remain an independent, distinctive rural community comprising the small village of Great Horwood and the hamlet of Singleborough, conserving and enhancing its rich architectural and environmental heritage for the benefit of current villagers and for future generations.”

“We will have sustained and reinforced our open social structure and mixed community, and will have fostered activities and facilities that enhance them. These include the provision of affordable housing. We will have worked to lessen the adverse impact of road traffic on the village and will have enhanced transport and other links to neighbouring communities.”

“Overall, our aim is that residents will want to continue to live in the parish, and that others will wish they could.”

I will ensure as Chairman that the central tenets of this vision form the guiding principles for our work and that our excellent Neighbourhood Plan is taken forward.

Parish Updates

Grass Cutting on the Horwode Pece

We are aware of the need to cut the grass regularly to maintain the outstanding facility of our childrens' play area and will seek an assurance from our current contractor.

Planters

We have agreed the replacement of the winter plants with summer plants in the Planters on the edge of Great Horwood and Singleborough, and also the strimming of verges and hedge trimming near the planters where necessary.

Flooding on The Green

We are in the process of agreeing a contractor to deal with the problem of flooding on The Green when heavy rain occurs. We have the necessary legal clarification required for embarking on ground works and will seek to get a soakaway dug as soon as possible.

Reviewing the Great Horwood Parish Plan of 2006

We have already started to turn our thoughts towards the future and will produce a Great Horwood Local Plan to revise the great work done by Rod Moulding and his team which culminated in the Parish Plan of 2006. We will scope out the work to be done to produce a document that will bring together a community “wish list”, the previous Parish Plan and the aspirations in our recent Neighbourhood Plan and decide the way forward.

Parish Council Website

For a more comprehensive report of the latest or indeed previous Parish Council meetings, 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 and lots of information about the parish.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention, please contact either the Clerk or any of the Councillors, or otherwise, we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting where we include a public participation period where you can raise an item directly. The next meeting of the Council will take place in the Village Hall at **7.30pm on Monday 8th June** and you are all welcome to come along!

John Scholtens - Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council
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GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Useful Contact Details



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Parish Council

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Tuesday	9th June	- Visit The Fitzwilliam (re-run from cancelled trip).
Thursday	11th June	- Westcroft Bus*
Sunday	14th June	- Winslow in Bloom. Book the bus for transport to & from gardens.
Tuesday	16th June	- Visit Greenwich. Take a boat trip down the Thames past all the sights in London, including Houses of Parliament, St Pauls Cathedral, Tower of London, to spend the day as you like in Greenwich. £20.00 includes boat fare.
Friday	19th & Saturday 20th June	- Aylesbury Market Bus*
Monday	22nd June	- Asda Shopping £4.00
Tuesday	23rd June	- Abingdon to Oxford boat trip, with a couple of hours in Oxford. £20.00.
Thursday	25th June	- Westcroft Bus.
Friday	26th & Saturday 27th June	- Aylesbury Market Bus*
Monday	29th June	- Asda Shopping £4.00
Thursday	2nd July	- Visit RAF Hendon. Over 100 aircraft on site. £8.50
Friday	3rd & Saturday 4th	- Aylesbury Bus*
Tuesday	7th July	- Buckingham Bus* 1 hour town 1 hour Tesco
Thursday	9th July	- Westcroft Shopping*
Friday	10th Sat 11th	- Aylesbury Bus*
Thursday	16th July	- Visit Ascott House & Gardens £10.00 admission, £5.00 travel
Friday	17th Sat 18th	- Aylesbury Bus*
Monday	20th July	- Visit Dobbies Garden Centre £4.50
Tuesday	21st July	- Thame Market Shopping £5.00
Thursday	23rd July	- Westcroft Shopping*
Friday	24th Sat 25th July	- Aylesbury Bus*
Thursday	30th July	- Local Lunch at The Pheasant in Brill. £5.00 travel.

*Denotes bus pass accepted.

Milton Keynes Theatre

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Wed	26th August	- Shrek the Musical. Treat the kids! Stalls Row U £35.00
Wed	23rd Sept	- Anything Goes. SHOW CANCELLED
Wed	16th Sept	- The Importance of Being Earnest. Starring Nigel Havers and Sian Phillips. Circle A/CC. £25.00
Friday	23rd Oct	- Romeo & Juliet. English National Ballet. Circle Row E/F. £31.00
Wed	28th Oct	- Glenn Miller Story. Starring Tommy Steele. Stalls Q. £32.00

Please note that our drivers can drop you off or pick you up anywhere on route if you have difficulties in getting to a bus stop.

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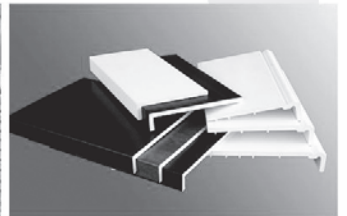
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