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12th June	11.00am	Come and Praise	R Hemphill	T Brazier	S Brazier
19th June	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Finnemore	I Lamberton
26th June	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
26th June	11.00am	Service of the Word	J Margerrison	J Margerrison	Clergy

Church Key March: Rita Essam - tel 714424

Celebrating the Queen's Official Birthday on Sunday 12th June

St James' will be celebrating the Queen's birthday with a special Come and Praise service on Sunday 12th June. A special celebration cake and prosecco will be served after the service. All welcome.

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Lighting of the Church Tower

The Church was lit on the 29th April to remember the passing of Elsie Hampson. *Ian Lamberton*

London Marathon - THANK YOU

I ran the London Marathon on 24th of April. It involved 6 months of training and some of you would have seen me plodding up and down Pilch Lane. My goal was to finish in under 5 hours and I achieved that, completing the run in 4 hours 37 minutes, half an hour faster than my 2013 time. And I ran all the way - didn't walk one step and didn't stop even to go to the loo.

Last year my brother was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer so I thought I'd raise money for the PROSTATE CANCER UK charity.

A lot of people in the village, some village organisations and businesses very kindly sponsored me. I didn't know some of the people who donated and I was touched that they were prepared to give so

generously, along with people who do know me. As a result, I have raised a total of over £2,700. Thank you again to all of you who sponsored me.

It really kept me going particularly towards the end of the race when I was running out of steam and starting to conk out.

Dean White





Great Horwood Scout and Guide Group

New Beaver Colony

We are hoping to restart the Beaver group from September 2016. Beavers is aimed at children aged 6-8, and is the youngest section in the Scout group.

There will be a meeting for all interested parents and children on Tuesday 28th June at 6pm in the Scout Hut located at Great Horwood School.

Please contact Clare Lewis-Evans for further information or to register interest by email at:

Clare@lewis-evans.co.uk

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Apart from our usual lettings we have had two unusual requests this year. Firstly, I was contacted by a member of English Heritage to see if we could



accommodate members of the re-enactment society who were filming at the Devil's Horsemen for the BBC; they were filming a programme about the Battle of Hastings. Next, I was asked by a cycle club if the hall could be used as a food station for a charity cycle race they were organising. Both events caused us no problems and made a good contribution to the village hall funds.

There is a calendar on the hall notice board to help you check if the hall is available.

Art and Craft Club

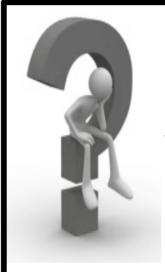
Our members have just discovered the pleasure of Encaustic Wax painting. In layman's terms it is painting with a 'travel iron' and beeswax on china clay covered card. You don't have to be artistic to create a mini masterpiece and we had a fantastic morning, so much so that it encouraged some of our members to buy their own sets. If anyone would like to have a try, or has a dry travel iron they would like to get rid please contact Gill on 01296 712165.

Whist Group

We had a few gaps in our calendar to accommodate other groups but we hope to be meeting on a regular basis again. June dates: 9th, 23rd. July dates: 7th, 21st.

Gill Wood

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Horwode Pece

Val Porritt is stepping down from the committee after nearly six years; we thank her for all her help over this time.



We are organising the topping up of the woodchip in the play areas to hopefully take place at the beginning of June and in time for the Picnic on the Pece. This takes place on Sunday 19th June from noon onwards. Giocoso have kindly agreed to play for us and there should be a few organised games on the day courtesy of the Youth club, so pack your picnics and come along for a relaxing afternoon. See ad on back page.

Cathy Holland. Committee member



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Pilch Field summer Work Parties

Please come along to a work party at our local Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) reserve, at the end of Pilch Lane (on the corner just before you get to the chicken farm).

- Saturday 18th June
- Sunday 17th July
- Sunday 21st August

All work parties are 2-4pm. All tools provided and instruction given. Plenty of opportunity to appreciate the flora of these lovely fields. Please bring sunscreen/hat and suitable shoes. The main task is to dig up hawthorn scrub.

Please contact Ann Biggins for more information on 0796 1960802 or 01296 714052 or email annieqq@hotmail.co.uk

Great Horwood Silver Band

The band is now developing a new web site which is already online. We would like to discover more about the band between the two world wars, as



information at the moment is very sketchy. We would be very grateful for any photographs or press cuttings concerning the band particularly during that period. If anyone could provide information or photographs we would take great care of them and scan them for our records and possibly for the website. We may also be running a competition for the best photos of the band at a later date: watch the website for further information. www.greathorwoodband.com

Our next engagements are Adstock Open Gardens Sunday 5th June 3pm, Courteenhall House Northants on Saturday 11th June 2pm and Thornton College Fete on Sunday 19th June, time to be advised.

100 Club winners for April were:

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The Timetable for the Day's Events is as follows:

- 1.00pm In conjunction with the village Fete, the afternoon kicks off with a display of past and present trophies, awards, photographs and statistics outlining the club's history and achievements since its affiliation with the Berks & Bucks FA.
- 3.00pm *'Returning Heroes'*, Ex Senior players are invited to join together and take part in a match at Castle Fields with the game being structured to suit numbers etc.
- 5.00pm The end of season Junior presentation will take place on the Green.
- 7.00pm Following the Junior Presentation there will be a chance for everyone, past and present, to catch up and reminisce.

During the Junior presentations and evening there will be a bar, food and entertainment available.

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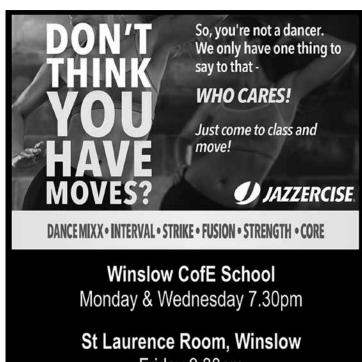
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In this day and age with many homes having multiple vehicles, parking is becoming increasingly tricky.

It may seem a good idea to park partially on the path or off the road altogether, but this has become a problem in some areas of the village.

One of the Parish Council's priorities is the village environment, and this includes safeguarding parents walking children and the disabled. This means the paths must be clear for pushchairs, parents holding children's hands, mobility scooters and residents with impaired vision who need aids such as sticks for the blind.

- A REQUEST We'd like to thank everyone who helped 'Clean for the Queen' on the 17th of



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- 3. Where parking is extremely difficult in the more built areas, please be a considerate neighbour when parking and keep your hedges and trees trimmed back so they don't obstruct the path, this will free up path space.

And last but not least, especially at weekends when there are more of us walking about the village, if at all possible could you squeeze another car on your drive even if you have to shuffle around knowing who leaves first in the morning.

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Once again the PTA has been working hard organising and running some fun events!

Alan at Claydon Racing in Winslow ran the Tote at our recent Race Night (and sponsored 2 races!). Thanks to him the night was a great success and we made over £400 for the school. Thanks also to ACC FM Ltd, Marble Arts Ltd, Winwood Construction Ltd and The Bell at Beachampton who also sponsored races.

As we go to print we are still counting the takings from our **Table Top Sale**. I hope you got a good bargain and enjoyed our BBQ.

As we reach the end of the school year, we wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the school this year by helping out at PTA events, coming along and spending your money and sponsoring our events. We still have a couple of events to go, but so far this year we have made a profit of over £6k for the school, which has enabled the school to buy a whole list of things that the school budget just can't stretch to including:

- 6 iPads (and covers)
- 6 Globes
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- · School trip transport subsidy
- Funding towards the Year 6 leavers' event

One item that we are still looking at funding has been the building of some raised vegetable beds for the reception class to use. We were hoping to be able to put in a couple of small beds so that the children can plant their own veggies to support their learning about 'how things grow'. Could anyone in the village help out with some time and/or materials to build a couple of small beds? If so could you drop an email to greathorwoodpta@gmail.com, or give me a call on 01296 292411.

On a personal note, this is my first year on the PTA and I have been amazed by how hard the PTA works to support the school, but also by how brilliantly **this village** supports its school, so on behalf of the PTA, the school, and most importantly the children, **THANK YOU ALL**.

Debbie Huskinson

Great Horwood School PTA. Registered Charity No 1047149



The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

(sssh !! and the Landlords birthday)

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Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations



The Village celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday on the 21st of April in very British Style with overcast skies and chilly temperatures. This did not, however, prevent a super turnout with some exuberant play on The Green by our younger residents.

Music was provided by the Great Horwood Silver Band. With "Happy Birthday", "Congratulations" and a super mix of tunes, the band set the tone and atmosphere for the evening. The WI generously supplied Buck's Fizz, juice for the children and laid on a lovely spread of cakes all of which soon vanished.



John Scholtens fulfilled his final duty as chairman of the Parish Council by proposing a birthday toast. Thankfully, the Beacon lit without mishap in the experienced hands of Andrew Fuggle. The extra warmth was most welcome as was the proximity of the Crown where revellers, particularly the boys, could find additional liquid refreshment.

The Parish Council would like to send a big thank to all those who helped to make the evening a success and everyone for turning out in such numbers on a nippy evening.

Mandy Cliffe (Parish Clerk)



April was a very busy month for our group: we seemed to be constantly catering!

We had an entertaining theatre trip to see The Rocky Horror Show. Some of our members were unrecognisable in their outfits, and there were some interesting sights in the audience too!

The Queen's birthday celebrations on the green were a great success. Thank you to all of our members who kindly donated cakes and helped. The array of cakes (see photo) was extremely impressive and our Bucks Fizz seemed to go down well.

The Great Ormond Street evening was a huge success and we donated

£615 to the charity. It was very well attended and again our thanks to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits and helped on the evening. £219 of the total amount was from the raffle, so thank you very much to everyone who donated raffle prizes. We would like to thank Graeme at The Swan Inn Great Horwood, Waitrose, Aldi, Fox Hollow Alpaca Farm, Marble Arts, The Bell at Beachampton and Moores Landscape Services for their generous donations.

We had a fascinating May meeting with a portrait demo from Zoe Day. She used some very interesting



techniques and produced a lovely portrait of one of our members using graphite powder.

Our next meeting on **14th June** is with Fiona Abel-Smith telling us about using polymer clay and we will have the opportunity to make a pendant.

Guests are always welcome. For more information please contact Karen Wilkinson on 712933 or Angela Mayne on 715400

Angela Mayne

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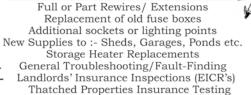


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Chairman's Monthly Report: Last Meeting - Monday 9 May 2016

This is to let you know that, to my great surprise, I am the new Chairman of Great Great Horwood Horwood Parish Council. I am taking over Parish Council from John Scholtens who has resigned as Chairman and stood down from the Council.

John worked tirelessly in his year as Chairman and before that he served as Councillor for several years. He was the first Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Team and was deeply committed to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. Both the community and the Parish Council owe him a great debt of gratitude for all that he has contributed

I am looking forward to working with my fellow Councillors in the coming year in serving the local community in Great Horwood and Singleborough.

At the May meeting of the Parish Council there were a number of administrative matters to deal with. Firstly, the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. am delighted to say that John Gilbey has agreed to continue as Vice-Chairman so that the Parish Council, and particularly me, can benefit from his knowledge and experience. Representatives were elected to parish committees and outside bodies which councillors attend. It is helpful to learn from and share experiences with other parishes and organisations and to know that we are not alone in the issues that we face at this time of potential great change in North Buckinghamshire. The Parish Council also resolved to put in hand the procedure for the appointment of a new Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by John Scholtens' resignation.

Mick Wood, who co-ordinates the operation of the Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS), reported on the recent SpeedWatch Campaign. Several motorists, who have been recorded driving at high speeds through the village, have been reported to the Police. It is hoped to have the necessary equipment in the village again shortly and to undertake more monitoring. The Council also noted residents' concerns about cars parked on pavements. Although village roads are quite narrow in places, parking on pavements is potentially hazardous for pedestrians, people with buggies, wheelchair and mobility scooter users. (See article on page 7).

The Council noted the report of the Horwode Pece Management Committee. This Committee and its volunteers achieve wonders in keeping our recreation ground in such good order and so well-equipped. We are very grateful for all that they do.

The Council thanked all those who were involved in The Queen's Birthday celebration. It involved a lot of hard work by everyone concerned and it was good to see so many from the community despite it being such a cold evening.

We will be working this year on the update of the Parish Plan but it is difficult to determine the appropriate course until the result of the outstanding planning applications is known as priorities will be different if the village grows substantially in size. This work will make a significant contribution when the Neighbourhood Plan is revisited in due course.

So far as Weston Road is concerned, the Planning Inspector has submitted his report to the Secretary of State and we await his decision. This will be on or before the 3rd of August so there is still a while to wait until the outcome is known. Another piece of the jigsaw will be the Vale of Ayelsbury Local Plan which is being prepared by Aylesbury Vale District Council. The formal consultation on the draft Plan will take place between July and early September.

Finally, look out for a letter from AVDC about the changes in bin collection days which will come into effect on 7 June.

For a more comprehensive report of the Parish Council meeting please read the minutes published on the http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/. website 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. 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 13 June 2016 in the Village Hall.

Mary Saunders Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Formally called a Casual Vacancy (source of the title of the JK Rowling novel), Great Horwood Parish Council would very much like to receive expressions of interest from any resident willing to become a co-opted member of the Council (should no election be called).



Parish Council

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It isn't always easy to be a Councillor but it is absolutely essential to the running of the Parish.

Interested parties should contact the Clerk on clerk@ greathorwoodpc.org.uk or telephone 01296 715829 no later than 9th June. An informal chat with a councillor can then be arranged so that interested parties can find out what is involved (prior to cooption at the PC Meeting on 13th June).

Mandy Cliffe (Parish Clerk)



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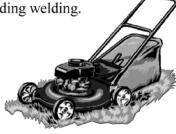
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Tuesday 7th June - Buckingham Bus* 1 hour in town 1 hour in Tesco. Door to door!

Thursday 9th June - Westcroft Bus*

Monday 13th June - Asda in Bletchley Shopping. M&S, H&M £4

Tuesday 14th June - Visit Market Harborough - Historic Market Harborough is known for its beauty, wealth of good

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Sunday 19th June - Seaside trip to Swanage. £20

Thursday 23rd June - Westcroft Bus*

Tuesday 28th June - Local lunch at The Bell, Woburn. Great value meals. £5.00 travel.

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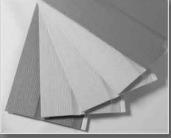
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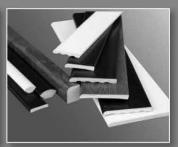
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PICNIC ON THE PECE



Sunday 19th June

Noon onwards

Bring a picnic along to the
Recreation Ground and enjoy
Giocoso Band