

# FOCUS

## The Bells

You may remember back in October we held an Open Tower Day with the aim of getting St James' bells ringing again. We had lots of people come along on the day to have a look behind the scenes, and some had a go at ringing for themselves.

As a result we recruited a group of learners (and a couple of returning bellringers) who have been getting to grips with the ropes and bells the over the past months. We practice every Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9pm - you may have heard us!

The new recruits have been guided by our unflappable and very experienced Tower Captain, and we have been lucky to be able to draft in additional teaching support from surrounding towers, so a big thank you to David Moore, David Goodger and Nicky Stuchbury.

We have had some fun times and interesting moments along the way, but I'm delighted to report we rang for our first church service on Mother's Day- photo of our merry band on the day! We were all very pleased with ourselves and planned to quietly exit the church after ringing, however the vicar had other ideas and we received a round of applause from the congregation on our way out!

Since then we have another new recruit (the more the merrier) who is currently learning the basics, so this made us think maybe there are some other budding bellringers out there who missed our original Open Tower Day. Therefore, we will be holding an **Open Evening** on **Monday 12th June** from **7.30pm** onwards, open to all ages. We are very lucky in Great Horwood to have some lovely bells and great teachers, it's a very social, free, year round activity, let's make sure we keep the bells ringing for many years to come.

*Nicola Ellison*



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### Village Fete

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### Lighting the tower

The Tower will be lit on the 25th June to remember the life of Christine Bolton.

*Ian Lamberton*

### 3 Peaks Challenge

On Saturday 8th July, whilst many of us will be at our village fete, our vicar, Rev Andrew Lightbown will be taking part in The 3 Peaks Challenge. The 3 peaks are Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England and Snowdon in Wales. The challenge for Andrew is to climb each of these peaks one after another. He aims to complete this challenge in 24 hours.



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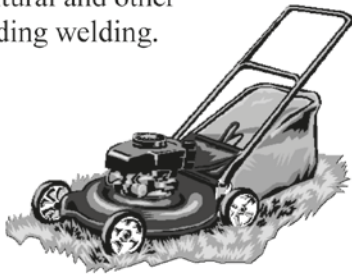
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**Message from  
PCSO Wendy Taylor**

**Rural Crime**

As I have often said in these Neighbourhood updates, dog owners must take with them a supply of dog poo bags so they can pick up after their dogs.

Not doing so can incur a fine up to £1,000 and can seriously harm the health of children and cause abortion in cows and sheep. Dog walkers, not all I hasten add, pick up after their dog then hang the offending bag on a tree/in a bush or even throw it into fields containing livestock. Apart from being completely irresponsible it now transpires that horse's natural inquisitiveness is leading to their deaths as they are consuming the bags and die as a result. In one incident two horses died, one was a mother leaving a foal to fend for its life on its own because, as the notice says, 'the dog owner could not be bothered to take their rubbish home'.

If there is a bin provided, please use it, otherwise take the bag home

**Neighbourhood Watch**

We have noticed an increase in cold calling and 'Nottingham Knockers' visiting various villages. Cold callers tend to offer driveway resurfacing, tree trimming, roof repairs, gutter cleaning, to name but a few jobs. Please do not buy these services from someone cold calling at the door. If you need such jobs doing contact companies

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yourself. Ask friends if they can recommend a person/company to do the job but in any instance obtain three quotes for the job before deciding who will do it. Trading Standards offer the 'Buy with Confidence' scheme and any company in this scheme has been vetted by them. If that company does not do a good job, Trading Standards will ensure any bad workmanship is corrected.

Nottingham Knockers are generally males with a bag of cleaning materials for you to buy at the door. They will show a card as identification which is generally fake. These people must have a licence to trade from the Council in whose area they are operating. It used to be that if one council licensed them it was good for all councils. This is no longer the case. Their story about 'help me to help myself', etc. is usually a ruse so do not be taken in.

We have information in the Winslow Police Office to support you so contact us if you need it. Generally Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators also keep a supply.

I will be present at the following:

**Village Hall, Little Horwood 11:00-12:00**  
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**Village Hall, Great Horwood 11:00-12:00**  
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*Wendy Taylor*

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**Message from  
Inspector James Davies**



I do not normally provide an update for parish magazines but I thought it pertinent to do so due to the forthcoming changes to Thames Valley Police and your local police area.

On the 1st June Thames Valley Police will be introducing a new operating model to help us better meet the needs of the public we serve. Within the new structure Aylesbury Vale Local Police Area will be centred around three core areas of business: response, investigation and neighbourhood policing.

The new structure has been designed to give the flexibility to better prioritise the way we respond to crime, ensuring that we can effectively and efficiently target our resources at the areas of greatest need at any specific time.

Under the new structure, local neighbourhood officers will continue to focus on working within the community identifying issues, problem solving and preventing crime.

To aid consistency I will be taking over the management of the neighbourhood police teams across the whole of the Vale while Inspector Chris Young from the rural neighbourhood team will move to take over newly formed Problem Solving Teams.

I look forward to leading my staff to provide a visible neighbourhood police team who engage locally to address problems in conjunction with the local community.

*James Davies*

*Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Aylesbury Vale Local Police Area*

**Horwode Pece**

A working party have been at the Recreation Ground over the course of a weekend in May and have filled in the track marks left by the woodchip delivery and dispersal. Hopefully the grass will start to push its way through. Picnic on the Pece is on Sunday 18th June (Father's Day) from noon onwards supporting the Great Get Together.

*Cathy*



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## PARISH PUMP



The village green is looking great because some of its neighbours take good care of it, the grass is always cut and Dave and Aly Taylor spent a good part of a precious Sunday trimming the shrubs. For those that have noticed there is a new bench. This is thanks once again to Dave Taylor of TAYLORED KITCHENS and Ralph Holland of MK DYNO, who both sponsored and made the bench. A big thank you from the Parish Council.

The large bench looks magnificent, and so much better than the original design. I don't think any of us realised how good it could look! Ralph and Dave have really come up trumps for the village, donating their time, expertise and even the materials. Dave did admit to an ulterior motive as he now has somewhere comfy to sit again with a pint of beer but so much the better! THANK YOU.

Many thanks also to those residents who offered to fund a new second bench. As soon as any decisions are made, we will contact you and let you know what we propose.

*Mandy Cliffe,*  
*Parish Clerk*  
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The bands next engagements are Adstock Open Gardens on Sunday June 4th from 3pm to 5pm, Nash Fete on Saturday 17th June from 2pm and Thornton College Fete on Sunday 25th June from 1pm.

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*Beryl Lack*

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At our May meeting we welcomed Lesley Yearby from the little known charity The Cinnamon Trust. Averil Jarvis is the founder and chief executive of the Cinnamon Trust, a national charity for elderly and terminally ill people and their pets. The trust was registered in 1985 with the opening of their first sanctuary in Devon. There are over 18,000 volunteers throughout the country. These fantastic people visit owners at home and provide assistance where necessary so that the owner and pet can remain together, in spite of any difficulties that may arise. Also the trust provides a pet fostering service and permanent home from home sanctuary for much loved animals who outlive their

owners.

We watched a DVD which showed a fair few older animals walking in the gardens and then resting in the comfortable rooms provided for them. We thanked Lesley for a very informative talk and some of our members showed interest in becoming a volunteer.

Our forthcoming trips are to Buckingham Palace, Hampton Court Palace, Adam Henson's farm and the Great Stink, a trip around London's history of sewers, from Cloacina the Roman god of sewers, to the terrible reign of King Cholera.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday June 13th and we will be having a talk on sentencing by a local magistrate.

*Jane Derry*

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Great Horwood  
Parish Council

The Meeting of Great Horwood Parish Council on 8 May was the Annual Parish Council Meeting. This is the occasion when several formal items of business and appointments have to be considered. The Councillors have to elect a chairman and vice-chairman for the coming year and they agreed to elect me as chairman and John Gilbey as vice-chairman. The Parish Council also appointed representatives to a number of bodies which represent the wider community in the district. In addition, representatives were appointed to the Village Hall Committee and to the Castlefields Charity. Two trustees (not members of the Parish Council) were appointed to the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust which looks after Horwode Pece so well.

This does not sound very exciting, and it was not, but it is all stuff which has to be done!

There were reports on footpaths and Horwode Pece. We are very fortunate to have such hard-working volunteers who look after our footpaths and Horwode Pece on behalf of the community. The Parish Council also noted the position with regard to various road repairs, such as the recent edge patching in Singleborough Lane and Singleborough. Since the meeting, the damaged drain at the first turning to Thornborough in the Buckingham direction has at last been repaired which will make it safer driving along the A421.

Damaged signs have been reported to Transport for Bucks and no doubt they will be dealt with in due course.

The Parish Council noted the response from AVDC to their letter about the lengthy delays in dealing with planning matters. There are still several items where an extension of time has expired again - or, indeed, never appears to have been granted.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Ralph Holland and Dave Taylor for the refurbishment and repairs to the benches on The Green. The benches are now both safe and comfortable. Thank you.

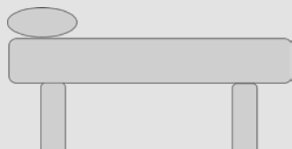
For a more comprehensive report of the recent Parish Council meeting please read the minutes published on the website <http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/>. This website also has updates of items on its latest news page.

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 12 June 2017 in the Village Hall.

Mary Saunders  
Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council  
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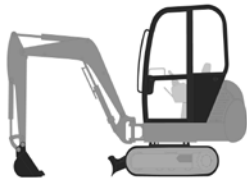
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Tuesday 6th June - Buckingham Bus\* - an hour in town- an hour at Tesco. Ring to book. Door to door.

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Monday 12th June - Asda Shopping in Bletchley, also H&M, M&S, Primark. £4.00

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Thursday 22nd June - Westcroft Bus

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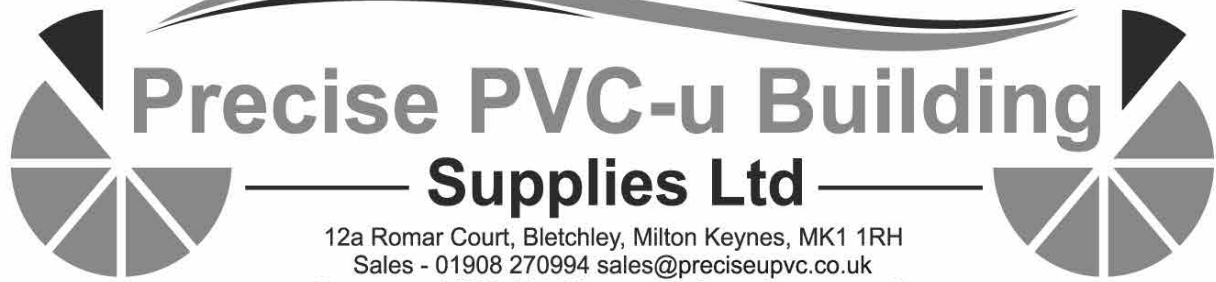


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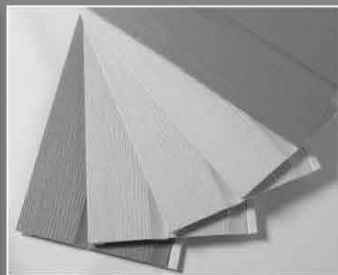
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