

FOCUS

London Marathon 2018

On April 22nd, I completed the hottest London Marathon ever, in 6 hours 49:33! Because of the difficult conditions, I wasn't able to run as much of it as I'd hoped but it was a fantastic day. I couldn't believe how many people there were out on the streets supporting us all, making an amazing amount of noise! Hundreds of people were calling my name and spurring me on. It was quite overwhelming at times. And there was loads of uplifting music going on.

Time flew by as I felt very busy, looking out for my supporters (who just about managed to keep ahead of me so that I saw them several times) and heavily engaged in self preservation, deciding what I needed next - eg, water, sugar, salt, sun lotion, loo stop. I was running well until about 10 and a half miles, when I felt forced to start walking to conserve energy as there had been 2 consecutive water stations that had run out of water! I texted my husband, Stuart: 'No water!' and started telling the crowd that we hadn't had any water, until some lovely person gave me a pint in a plastic 'glass' which I then had to try and not slop everywhere. The next time I saw Stuart he gave me a bottle and then, thankfully, normal service was resumed. Lots of people were giving out sweets and a wonderful Domino's Pizza man gave me the most welcome slice of pizza I've ever eaten, at about 23 miles! I'd started to feel sick but that really revived me. I was very relieved to finally run across the finish line.

You may have seen me plodding up and down Pilch Lane during the last two winters in preparation for this day. (I had to defer my entry from last year due to injury and illness.) It's not too late to sponsor me by going to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SBirrell> where you'll see that, at the time of writing, I've raised 82% of my target of £3000 for Orbis, an international eye charity that transforms lives by preventing and treating avoidable blindness and visual impairment. **PLEASE WILL YOU HELP ME GET EVEN CLOSER TO THAT TOTAL?**

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Sandra Birrell, 51 Spring Lane





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Village Fete 7th July 1.00 pm

Can you help? Do you have any good ideas for stalls or games? We are a small committed team who would welcome new ideas to help make this event a success.

Do call us if you can input in any way!

Call Andrew Grimditch on 715600

Bereavement

My mother Mrs Linda Goodwin who lived with us in Spring Lane, until recently, passed away very peacefully at Swan House Care Home on Thursday 17th May. Her funeral is on Monday 11th June 2:45pm at Milton Keynes Crematorium Oak Chapel. Family flowers only, donations to Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Liz & Garry Chequers

Silver Band

The Band are looking forward to another busy Summer season starting with the North Bucks Young Farmers Show on Saturday 2nd June, the band have been engaged to play from 12pm to 2pm.

On Saturday June 9th they will be playing at Lord Herewood Wakes Estate in Courteenhall Northants from 1pm and on Sunday 24th June at the Thornton College fete from 1.45pm. On 7th July they will play at the Great Horwood Church Fete and also have several other engagements during the Summer.

The band have just received their new Burgundy Fleeces which are also showerproof on one side.

100 Club winners for April were

Amanda Edmans £12

Keith Mould £8

We welcome anyone who wishes to join us, tuition and instruments can be provided free of charge. We meet on Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall, learners from 7pm and the main band from 7.45pm.

If you would like to join us please ring Beryl on 01908 510809 or email beryl.lack@btinternet.com

You can read all our latest news on the band website at www.greathorwoodband.com

Beryl

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1st Great Horwood Scout Group



WOW; we are growing by the week with new Young People and Adults joining the group.

The Beaver Colony have been enjoying a very varied programme over the last few months.

The Cub Pack have been working on their Scientist badge, and are looking forward to a camp in June with the Scout Troop.

And will be canoeing at Great Moor Sailing Club at the end of the month.

The Scout Troop completed a very successful overnight hike and are working on Pioneering projects

Both the Cub Pack and Scout Troop were represented at the District St George's Day Parade in Buckingham in April.

Currently the Group as a whole along with the Guiding sections are fund raising like mad to get new equipment for camping.

All donations gratefully received!

Onwards and upwards as the Group is full of enthusiastic and motivated Leaders who are providing excellent programmes for the Young People

For more information on the Group then please contact

Yvonne Taylor, Acting Group Scout Leader

adcbandc@uwclub.net, 07931 585926, 0800 2889 108

Art and Craft Group

We now start at 9am on Friday mornings and finish at midday.

Visitors are always welcome. We cover a wide range of crafts and arts so if you would like to see what we do just come along.

Post Office and coffee morning

Every Wednesday morning we have an out reach post office come to the village hall. It opens from 9.30 to 11.30.

At the same time we have a coffee morning you don't even have to use the post office. Just come and have a chat and catch up on village news. Hope to see you one Wednesday.

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Village Hall News

Hopefully once we have managed to get the roof repaired we can then go on to think about the interior. Is there any part of the hall that you would like to see changed or is there anything that you wouldn't like to see altered at all. Do let the committee know and we will take your ideas on board and will consider them when we get to that stage of our planning. This is all going to take a long time to do and the work will be carried out in stages

In the meantime please keep using the hall your bookings are important to the general running of the hall.

To book hall contact Gill Wood on 01296 712165.



WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

Wednesday 30th May brought a successful coach visit to Weston Park in Staffordshire to see the **International Watercolour Artists Exhibition** and some superb examples of watercolour art. This kind of event will be repeated in the future and all members will have priority booking.

The summer brings the opportunity to get out and paint the lovely area we have around Winslow and North Buckinghamshire.

Members of the Society are being urged to take their paints and pencils and brave the usual Summer elements. We have plans afoot for June to run one or more days painting and sketching in the countryside where animals and shadows have a habit of moving about. If you see us around, please stop and have a word.

The weekly painting groups continue at both Padbury and Winslow, and our monthly **Demonstration evenings**, based at the Winslow Bowls Club House will have our last speaker for the current Society year on Thursday June 28th commencing at 7-30pm.

The Speaker for June will be **Jill Winch who will be demonstrating and talking about painting flowers in Watercolour.**

Our speaker evenings are free for members of the Society and we welcome non-members for a small fee.

The Society takes a break during July and August and will start the new Society year with our AGM on Thursday September 27th at 7pm.

This will be followed by a talk and demonstration. Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact Treasurer Jackie Chambers or Maureen Barnes (below) for more information. We extend a warm welcome to 'beginning' artists, skilled artists and those just interested in the way art is made. Your society contacts are

Treasurer Jackie Chambers (01296) 713607

Membership Maureen Barnes (01280) 815691

Chairman Peter Weatherill (01908) 675146

WADAS meets monthly on a Thursday evening at the Winslow Bowls Club Hall. All are welcome to come along, members free, visitors £3 including coffee.

Winter Art Exhibition

The Winter Art Exhibition will be held on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November at Winslow Public Hall from 11am to 5pm. Everyone welcome to come along. The hall is next to the Winslow free car park, entry to the Exhibition is also free.

Story Competition

Thank you to all the entries for our Story Competition, we were overwhelmed by the response! Due to the popularity we need a bit more time to read them all so the winner will be published in the next months Focus. Well done to all the budding authors out there. Keep writing!



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Great Horwood
Parish Council

Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting – Monday 14 May 2018

The Meeting of Great Horwood Parish Council on 14 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. 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. We are also grateful to Bucks CC who have provided a handrail to the footbridge over the ditch on the path from Pilch Lane towards Adstock. Bucks County Council have also said that they will repair the worn bridge on the footpath going towards Singleborough and make the steps up to the bridge easier. The timing of this work is not known but we hope this it will not be delayed too long. There are new picnic tables at Horwode Pece so , if the weather is good why not take a walk on our parish footpaths or have a picnic. Please note that 'Picnic on the Pece' will be held on Sunday 10 June. This is usually a good occasion with games and entertainment.

The Parish Council noted that repairs are being carried out to Pilch Lane. Whilst it is understood that all the available resources are being used to deal with the enormous backlog of potholes throughout the County, we hope that the promised repainting of whitelines along the B4033 through the village will not be delayed for too much longer. Renewed whitelines will surely contribute to safer road use. The MVAS is continuing to record excessive speeding and it was particularly interesting and horrifying to note the excessive speeds of vehicles driving up the hill from Winslow into the village. Speedwatch has also been operating and having a deterrent effect!

There was the usual round of planning related matters to consider. In addition the Parish Council agreed to write to the Secretary of State asking him to review his predecessor's 'minded' view that there should be a single unitary authority for the whole County. It is the Council's view that the interests of our communities will be best served in the uncertain times we face by having two unitary authorities, one for the north of the county and one for the south.

Just a word about the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 April. It was good to hear from our District and County Councillors with their perspective on life in North Bucks. The presence of several village

organisations who were able to show those present what they do was very good and we are grateful for all that they contribute towards the life of the community. A special thanks to the WI for the delicious cakes and tea and coffee!

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 11 June 2018 in the Village Hall.

Mary Saunders
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The North Bucks County Show will be held on 2nd June at Pilch Farm, Pilch Lane, Great Horwood. Bucks County Council have been working on the road surface of Pilch Lane for a few days now and aim to have the worst part "jet patched" in time for the show. (Thank you BCC) The show is on between 0900 and 1700 so be prepared for heavier traffic than usual entering and leaving the village. The able bodied amongst us will be thinking of walking to the show so please take extra care on the roads.



My brief was to obtain a similar sized weatherproof one with doors, like the picture on the left but in brown or black. As it is metal, notices can be attached using magnets and, as long as everyone remembers to keep the doors shut, notices should stay neat and tidy for longer. If all goes to plan it will be in place sometime over the summer.

FOOTPATHS

Our thanks go to the Rights of Way officer at Bucks CC for placing a hand rail on the wooden bridge on footpath 4 (Pilch Lane). There are also plans to repair the awkward bridge on footpath 7 and hopefully make it more easily accessible for all. Sincere thanks to Robert Deuchar who is busy walking, trimming and looking after Great Horwood's footpaths. We are very lucky to have Robert's expertise and local knowledge.



ACCIDENT

Questions have been raised about traffic calming after the terrible fatal accident on Great Horwood Road. As the accident took place within Winslow's boundaries they will be taking the lead on suggesting measures to Bucks County Council. Great Horwood has offered its support, although as this was a fairly straight piece of road measures available are likely to be limited. A 50 mph speed limit has been suggested but one wonders how this could be successfully enforced.



LITTER PICK

Many thanks to everyone who took part in the litter pick on Sunday 20th May. The village always looks cared for after such an event. Thanks too to Streetscene at Aylesbury Vale District Council for their prompt removal of the rubbish at no extra charge.



Mandy Cliffe

Parish Clerk Great Horwood

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PARKING

PLEASE KEEP GREAT HORWOOD A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL.



I was walking towards the exit of the footpath leading from Spring Lane onto the High Street when a car mounted the pavement, drove past me and parked. Whilst I was in no immediate danger, its proximity shocked me momentarily and made me wonder what would happen if a child had run out of the passageway onto the pavement. One or two mum's have commented about this before.

Please remember to park thoughtfully in the village. Thank you.

SPEEDING



The sentinel camera has been deployed in the village recently. On both occasions, no drivers were recorded on the camera as there was sufficient line of site to slow down in good time. Hopefully, as we increase our use of the camera - with more volunteers - the message will get through. Winslow Road remains a problem area with 10, 285 vehicle movements (over a period of 5 days) recorded by the MVAS and downloaded by Mick Wood - 4382 were recorded at 35 mph, 2297 at 40 mph, 788 at 45 mph, 186 at 50 mph and 43 vehicles travelling between 55 and 65 mph! We are pleased that the police camera is being deployed on the hill and hope to have the sentinel there too. If speeding through the village worries you volunteering for speed watch is practical and positive. Many thanks to Mick, ably assisted by Gill, for all the hard work he puts into manhandling, moving and charging the MVAS and for downloading and analysing the statistics.

NOTICEBOARD

I have been researching a new general notice/information board for the village to replace the well-used one on the High St.



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Horwode Pece



We have had two working parties take place at the Rec. At the Early Spring Working Party, John Nicholls and Steve Brigden managed to secure some of the wood surround around the toddler area before frostbite set in and the morning was declared 'snowed out'! The Late Spring Party was more productive and thanks to a group of helpers, John Nicholls, Steve Brigden, Cathy and Pete Holland, Jane and Ralph Holland Gavin and Finlay Laird; three new picnic tables have been put in place, with one of the older ones moved to the top end of the Rec to provide a seating area at the far end. More surround has been repaired, the zip wire seat and hand guard have been repaired, holes cut back in the front hedgerow, general pruning around the perimeter of the Rec and the Willow tree branches that were becoming less safe and top heavy have been cut back.

SUNDAY 10th JUNE Picnic on the Pece from 12 noon. Giocosco Band have kindly agreed to play and hopefully there will be some organised games for the day, short tennis etc plus a treasure hunt. Bring a picnic and enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

A polite request: It has been noted that bird seed seems to be being spread around the picnic tables. Whilst it is a lovely idea to encourage wild birds, it is not the place to do it and we ask whoever is doing this to please stop. The seed will encourage vermin to an area where people wish to sit and eat.

JOHN GILBEY 'RETIRING from Horwode Pece' - not quite!

John Gilbey has been on the Horwode Pece Management Committee for many years, I believe he joined the committee in November 2007, but now feels it's time to bow out. We wish to thank him greatly for his many years helping run 'Horwode Pece' and wish to say how much we have appreciated his advice, time and effort.

However, John is still going to help; he has kindly agreed to stay on the rota of volunteers who check the Rec. each week and for this we are very grateful.

John Nicholls - Chair



Battle's Over Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday 4th June at 7.30pm in the village hall for all those willing to help with arrangements for the Battle's over event.

Tea and biscuits will be available.

Mandy Cliffe, Parish Clerk Great Horwood
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W.I. News



At our May meeting Daphne Preece gave us a very interesting talk about her walk along the North Bucks Way. She began at The Grand Union Canal at Wolverton and finished at the Chiltern hills. Her talk was highlighted with lovely photos she had taken along the way and how she incorporated these images in a beautiful quilt which she brought to show us.

This month we are looking forward to a trip to Chavenage House in the Cotswolds. It is a day of treats with a coffee stop at Burford Garden Centre and lunch and afternoon tea at the House. Additionally Monica and John have kindly arranged for us to have a bowls evening at the Winslow Club in July.

Some of our members attended The Annual Council in Aylesbury with several interesting speakers.

The next meeting is on the 12th of June when Nikki Day is going to demonstrate how to make jewellery.

Our meetings are fun and informative so if you would like to come along please contact Angela Mayne: 715400 or Monica Gilbey: 711915.

Sally Ahern

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Monday June 11th - Asda in MK1 Shopping, also M&S, H&M, Primark etc £4.00

Thursday June 14th - Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.

Tuesday 26th June - Hidcote Manor & Kiftsgate Gardens - 2 amazing Arts & Crafts Gardens in the Cotswolds. Travel £10.00.
Entrance: Hidcote: £12.70 NT members free, Kiftsgate £8.50. This trip is also being run from Buckingham Garden Centre on Monday 9th July, to be booked through Winslow Bus.

Thursday 28th June - Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.

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Sunday 22nd July - A day out in Eastbourne -First seaside trip of the year - get your buckets and spades out! £20.00

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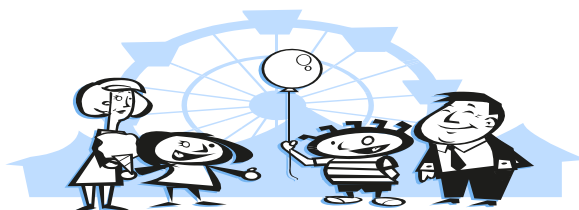
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