

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

MUSIC ON THE GREEN

**The Great Horwood Silver Band will be playing
on The Green in the evening starting at 7.30pm.**

Come along to hear a variety of music on this historic occasion.

We are following the national agenda,

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'Majesty' at 9.40pm

followed by

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SUNDAY 5TH JUNE THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH AT HORWODE PECE

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19 th June	11.00am	Holy Communion
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P Moyles
I Lamberton
D Brazier

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3rd July 11.00am Holy Communion

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Church Key: June - Rita Essam - 714424.

July - Denise Davies - 712763

SWAN INN

As I am sure you will have noticed the Swan Inn has closed due to illness. Tracy and Paolo have written in asking us to thank all of their customers for their support, and friendship over the past 3 years and hoping that the pub will re-open soon. It must have been a difficult time to run a pub and we wish Tracy and Paolo all the best for the future.

Editors note - we would like to thank Tracy and Paolo for donating the balance of their advertising money to Focus.

WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

Our weekly meetings are held in Winslow every Thursday morning and in Padbury every Tuesday morning. Anyone over the age of 16 with an interest in visual arts is eligible to ...

... recent and future demonstrations are:

31 March - Heather Miller - Acrylics

28 April - Tony Jackson - Pastels, still life

26 May - Melissa Wishart - Oil, seascapes

30 June - Nicky Hunter - Watercolour, flowers

28 September - Peter Keegan - Critiquing members' work

27 October - Charles Bezzina - Acrylics, Arctic landscapes

17 November - Jill Buckingham - Pastels, Portrait

...These are enjoyable and informative evenings and last about two hours with a break for coffee and biscuits. Non members are welcome to attend and entry will cost £5.00.

For more information about us please contact our website www.winslowart.org.uk or contact:

Chair: Maureen Barnes 01280 815691

Secretary: John Beckerleg 01280 816932

Treasurer: Jackie Chambers 01296 713607

GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

Hello everyone. I can't believe it is June again. The Band have a quiet Summer coming up at the moment, so if you know anyone who would like a Brass Band to play at any of their events over the Summer please mention us and pass on our details.

We have started our Concerts on the Green again and are planning our next one for the 15th June, on the Green, Great Horwood between 7.15pm and 8.45pm. If you haven't been along to one of our Concerts on the Green, then please come along and listen. It's a free informal concert, so bring your chairs, picnics and maybe a glass of something to enjoy while we play for you.

We are in the process of organising a Brass workshop for people to come along and have a go at an instrument and find out a little more about us and playing a brass instrument, so please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for details and pay us a visit to see if it is something you would be interested in as we are always looking for new players of any age and any ability to come and join our little family.

Upcoming events:

Thursday 2nd June - Queen's Jubilee celebration, Great Horwood, leading up to the fanfare and beacon lighting, timing to be confirmed

Sunday 5th June - Picnic in the Pece, Great Horwood Pece, times to be confirmed

Saturday 11th June - Courteenhall Summer Fayre, Courteenhall Estate, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Wednesday 15th June - Concert on the Green, Great Horwood Village Green, 7.15pm - 8.45pm

Saturday 2nd July - Great Horwood Church Fete, Great Horwood, times to be confirmed

Contact details:

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

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Useful contact details

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JUNE 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 7th June 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 9th and 23rd June Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

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Asda - Monday 27th June. Bus passes are not accepted on this trip and will cost £5.00

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GARDENING TIMES

When you think about growing fruit, we usually think of their requirements being out in the full, baking in the heat, ripening, swelling and giving us the gorgeous, sumptuous, taste of summer.

Whilst this is true for some fruits, there are others that have evolved to grow on the fringes of woodlands and can handle a bit more in the way of shade, think of the currants, the raspberries, and this month's plant, the Gooseberry.

They often are amongst the most unloved of our garden plants, if you have ever owned one, you know just how lethal the spines can be, or seen them getting defoliated by sawfly caterpillars. However, they do deserve to be looked upon a little more fairly. They are the first of the soft fruit that will ripen in the year, just like apples they can be split into two categories. The early ripeners are cookers, the latter ones are dessert goosegogs, sweeter, larger, slightly trickier to grow but worth it. It always pays to thin out a bush if it is laden with fruit, by removing some fruit, you increase the sweetness of those left behind.

I have a gardening book dating back to 1817 that states, "The gooseberry is an especially British fruit... in no other country is so much attention paid to its cultivation." Britain used to have a proliferation of Gooseberry Societies, societies whose sole purpose was to exhibit, breed and compete over the size and sweetness of their gooseberries, I just love that in this country, that was a "thing", this sort of tomfoolery needs to be encouraged. The only one that I know of that still survives is the Egton Bridge Old Gooseberry Society near Whitby, maybe we should start one in Great Horwood!

Used by generations of embarrassed parents to explain where a new baby has come from, this plant used to be a much bigger part of our lives than it is now and it is a shame that it isn't seen for what it is, so often I see them lurking in some neglected corner of a garden, with nettles growing out through them and they really should be a little more front and centre, gooseberries grown in a standard (lollipop), can be striking additions to your plot..

In this, the time of the Platinum Jubilee, is there any other plant that describes us more perfectly? Tough, resilient, tolerant of poor conditions, can be a bit spikey, sometimes slightly sour, but with the ability to be sweet, delicious and generous given the right conditions.

I would encourage you to make more of them, hardwood cuttings at the beginning of winter is a great way to get them started, they are almost guaranteed to take root, don't be a Gooseberry fool.

Rev'd Mark

Jobs to do in the garden in June

- Any spring flowering shrubs such as Forsythias, Weigelias and Philadelphus can be pruned now, remove some of the biggest, oldest branches

- Pinch out the side shoots of your tomatoes, you have the plants for the fruit, you don't need so much in the way of foliage

- Mow your lawn regularly, although you could think about leaving a part of it to grow to encourage wildlife in your garden

- If the weather is looking warm and dry for a day or two, grab your hoe and weed the beds, you can leave the tops where they lie if you like, they will quickly dry up and disappear.

GREAT HORWOOD GUIDING - JOIN US!

The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers are looking for new members. About 25 girls enjoy a wide variety of activities at our meetings on Monday evenings but we have spaces for many more girls to join and we always have room for more adult helpers and leaders too. At the moment, Brownies and Rainbows meet together as do Guides and Rangers but I hope to reintroduce separate meetings for Rainbows and Brownies in September.

Guiding is one of the most easily affordable activities for girls these days. In Great Horwood we charge £40 per girl per term and we can also get grants from Girlguiding Bucks to cover the fees of anyone who isn't able to pay that. The girls do all sorts of different things, including playing games, exploring the natural world, adventurous activities like climbing, cooking, learning life skills through fun activities and helping the environment. Two weeks into the Summer Term

and the Guides and Rangers have already had a murder, mystery evening and the Brownies and Rainbows have planned a jubilee celebration party. We're hoping for less rain on Monday evenings than we had last Summer but, whatever the weather, we'll be cooking over open fires, visiting the woods, learning new skills and having fun. If you have a daughter aged between 4½ and 18 who would be interested in trying Guiding, I'd love to hear from you on 07501 636037 or at claremartin71@btinternet.com or you can go online and register your daughter at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> . If you're interested in volunteering with any of the Great Horwood Guiding units, please contact me or register yourself at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/>.

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GREAT HORWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

THE NICEST KIDS IN TOWN!

Great Horwood children triumph at local schools dance festival!

On Tuesday 3rd March 2022, a group of 11 children from Hawthorns class attended a dance festival at George Grenville Academy, Buckingham. The festival had been arranged to celebrate the talents of both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two dancers from local primary schools. The theme for the Key Stage Two dances was musicals, and with this we decided that Hairspray was our only choice! The children loved the energy of the music, the message of the story and the opportunity to put their own style into their performance.

At the competition, the children were up against dance groups from St James and St Johns, George Grenville and Buckingham Primary School. We were fortunate enough to be supported by the pupil's fantastic parents and siblings who all came along to cheer on team GHS.

The standard of dancing from the other schools was extremely high and the children started to feel nervous as they awaited their turn to take the stage. Before long, their names were called and it was time to shine. With confidence, the children took their places and waited for the music to start. They beamed throughout the whole performance and gave their absolute best.

After a short break, the judges (from the Royal Latin School) returned to the room to give their final verdict. All children were given participation medals and called to the stage for a final bow and round of applause. Then the time came, the winner was to be announced. Great Horwood had done it, they had won the dance competition for Key Stage Two! The children jumped and screamed in excitement, completely overjoyed to have come in first place. I (Miss Brigginsaw) am incredibly proud of the children, not only for their amazing success but for the perseverance and commitment they have shown to the dance festival itself. The children sourced their own costumes, took their own time at home to learn

Mrs Paula Shaw

Headteacher

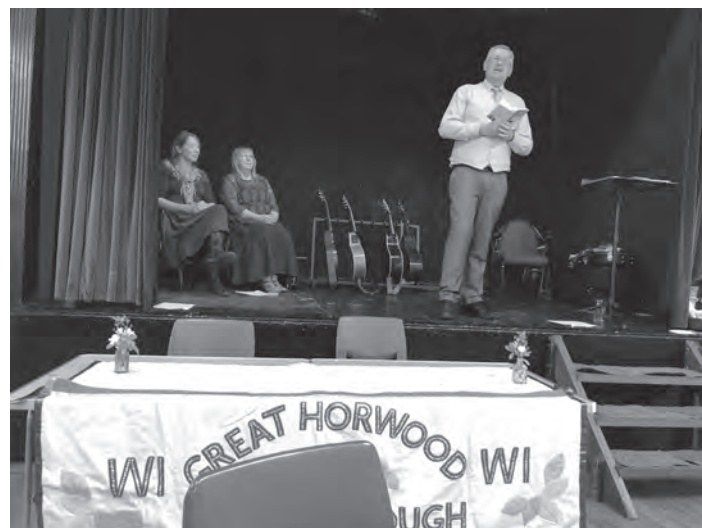
See pictures on page 11

Alongside staples much of the food is sourced locally including honey, meat, cheese, bread and fresh fruit and vegetables. It also stocks speciality foods and beers and wines from local breweries and estates. The shop has also become a destination for walkers and cyclists attracted by the coffee, sausage rolls and cakes. Alison was an inspiration in how to make a village shop a true success and has offered her help if anyone in Great Horwood is thinking of doing the same!

The week before our May meeting, we hosted the annual Chase meeting which is a combination of local WI groups. We were delighted to welcome members from Winslow, Mursley and Stewkley. Entertainment was provided by a local folk band known as Noah's Cape (a bit of a play on words, say it quickly) whose songs were delightful to listen to, and our brilliant Milton Keynes Poet Laureate Mark Niel. It was a very enjoyable evening and thanks to the generosity of guests we also raised £95 for the Ukraine appeal.

Next month we have a trip to Delapre Abbey and Gardens and at our June meeting our guest speaker will be giving a talk about the Power of Plants and aromatherapy.

For anyone new to the village the local WI is a great way to get to know people in the village and make friends. Our walking group meets regularly every Monday and enjoys rambles around the beautiful countryside of Buckinghamshire. If you would like to come along and see if WI is for you, please contact Ann Biggins annieqqmk@gmail.com / 07961 960802. We would be very pleased to see you.



Mark Niel, Milton Keynes' Poet Laureate who is also part of the local folk band Noah's Cape.

Editors note - we would like to thank the WI for their kind donation to Focus

Remember to send your photos of the Jubilee Celebrations to Focus, email: editor@ghfocus.com.

GREATHORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH WI

Great Horwood & Singleborough WI were talking shop at the May meeting, quite literally, as we were fortunate to have Alison Finnemore as our guest speaker who shared her experience of how she established the village shop in North Marston. Set-up in 2011, the shop has since won many awards and has raised money for many worthy causes in the community. Alison explained the various grants they were able to tap into, the fundraising they did and how the shop is run by volunteers with the exception of the manager who is in a paid position.

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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MEN IN SHEDS

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will be spending her summers providing sailing opportunities for anyone with disabilities that might otherwise prevent them from getting out on the water.

The usual variety of smaller projects continue to keep us busy and, pretty soon, we'll need to think about what we'll be doing for the Winslow Show.

In the meantime, however, having a full-sized boat here has emphasised our good fortune in having so much space.

Keeping Sheddors safe is always a priority and, having just completed our series of machine training sessions, attention now turns to refreshing our first-aid and CPR skills. We are delighted that our very own Community First Responder, Steve Acton, has agreed to visit the Shed from 11:00 a.m. on the 23rd June.

Steve will be refreshing our knowledge and supporting us to know what to do and how to do it should the need arise

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10:00 - 4:00 at Unit 4, Station Road Ind. Estate.**

www.MenInShedsWinslow.org.uk

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A SHORT HISTORY OF GREAT HORWOOD'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

As we celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee, it's interesting to look back at some of the earlier jubilees that the people of Great Horwood and Singleborough have celebrated.

The earliest jubilee we have much information about is Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in June 1887. There aren't any photos from that event but the Buckingham and Winslow Advertiser published accounts of how local towns and villages marked the occasion. In Great Horwood, the celebrations were held on 22nd June and began at 5.00am when the church bells rang and royal salutes were fired from the blacksmith's anvil! Villagers had decorated their homes with flags. There was a church service, followed by a meat tea provided free of charge to all of the parishioners, mostly paid for by the Rector, Rev. Simon Adams, who was also celebrating his 80th birthday that day. There was music, dancing and sports competitions, including climbing a greasy pole to win a leg of mutton!

This photo of the organising committee of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 shows the celebratory arch that villagers traditionally built for major celebrations. This one was at the entrance to School End.



Past jubilee celebrations have often included fancy dress competitions and parades. This is a photo of George Edmans in his prize-winning fancy dress

costume on the occasion of King George V's Silver Jubilee in 1935. George and his motorbike are dressed as Sir Malcolm Campbell in the land speed record-breaking car, Blue Bird.



Queen Elizabeth II's coronation celebrations in 1953 also included a pageant of past monarchs as well as a children's costume parade. This photo shows some of the village children leading the parade, dressed as various patriotic characters, including Britannia.



The Great Horwood Silver Band has played at our celebrations of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation and all of her jubilees. This is a photo of the Band taking part in her Silver Jubilee parade in 1977.



Many families decorate their homes for jubilee celebrations. 6 High Street pictured here is just one of those that was lavishly decorated for the Silver Jubilee.



The village held best-decorated house competitions from George V's coronation in 1911 up to our Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Street parties and beacon-lighting have a long history nationally but they're quite a new feature of Great Horwood celebrations. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012 had both. This photo, taken from the church tower by Sally Elvin shows some of that massive street party.



As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the beacon-lighting on Thursday 2nd June, individual street parties and hopefully as many people as possible gathering for the Picnic in the Pece on Sunday 5th June, we'll be adding a new chapter to

Great Horwood and Singleborough's long history of coming together to celebrate.

If you have photos of any of the village's jubilee celebrations past or present that you'd be happy to share on the village history website, please email me at claremartin71@btinternet.com. To read more about past celebrations, please visit <http://www.greathorwoodhistory.org/national-celebrations.html> and <http://www.greathorwoodhistory.org/queen-elizabeth-iis-diamond-jubilee.html>

Clare Martin

VILLAGE HALL

As you will see from the photo the hall is now being used for a number of different occasions. This one was for a hen party with a difference featuring an art class and social!

We have also received bookings from a regular puppy training class and a weekly private worship group on Sunday mornings.



It is encouraging to hear positive comments about the hall and the increased interest in bookings.

Further information from Ian Lamberton on 01296 715968 or ianlamberton@aol.com

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GREAT HORWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL THE NICEST KIDS IN TOWN!

See story on page 7



GREAT HORWOOD SCOUT GROUP

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The group took part in the village litter pick on Sunday 8th May.

Beavers covered The Green and the local foot paths, Cubs did Spring Lane, while the Scouts did Piltch Lane, thankfully they were not covered in mud this year as they cleared the ditch. They came back with among the rubbish a car bumper!

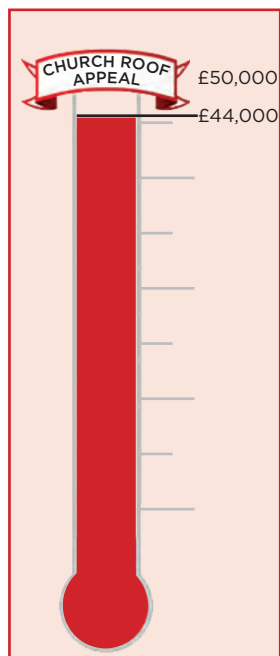


CHURCH ROOF APPEAL - NEARLY THERE

The September 2019 edition of Focus reported on the theft of lead from the roof of St James Church and the launch of an appeal to raise an initial £50,000 towards the cost of replacement.

A great deal has happened in the world since then, but the donations have continued to come in and we are now just a short step from our target.

Can you help us reach the target? All donations are greatly appreciated and can be made to the Church Wardens; June Margerrison and David Brazier or online on our Just giving page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-james-roof We also have a card machine available in church for payments direct to the church account.





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HORWOOD CHERRIES



We are hiring!



Would you like a summer job? We are looking to recruit a new member of the team. The job role involves harvesting cherries from mid-June until the end of July 2022.

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www.horwoodcherries.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING

We currently have the following vacancies:

- Assistant Cub Scout Leader
- Beaver Parent Rep
- Scout Parent Rep

If you are interested in any of these roles

Please contact the Group Scout Leader

Yvonne Taylor MInstLM

Email: adcbandc@uwclub.net

Mobile: 07931 585926

LEADERS

Well done to the following Leaders for completing their training:

Kieran - Module 3

Martin - Safeguarding
1ST Aid

Claire - Module 1

Safeguarding

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Please contact the Group Scout Leader

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WEEKLY PROGRAMMES

The Beavers have been working towards their Gardening badge, Communicators badge and Cyclist badge and den building.

The Cubs have been working towards their water safety badge and looking forward to kayaking.

The Scouts have been working on pioneering skills and building a bridge down Piltch lane over the stream, while spending an evening Farming and working towards their World challenge badge.

BADGES AWARDED

Well done to the following Cubs:

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- Henry Wootton

Navigator Stage 1

- Jack Brown
- Francesco Ronsisvalle
- Harry James Frayne-Johnson
- Eva Watson-Parsons
- Isaac Hogston
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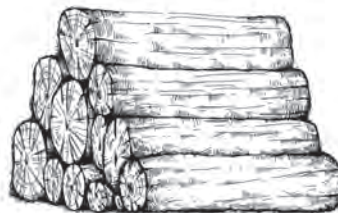
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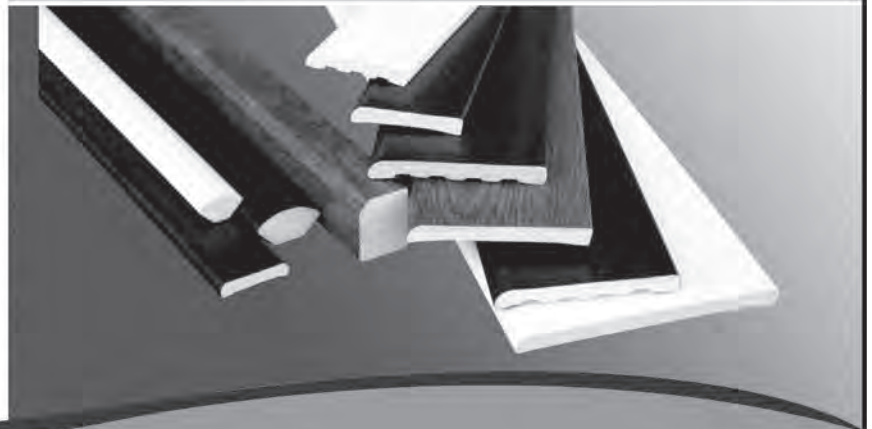
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