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Ninety Degrees, Singleborough Lane.

If in the past you may have enjoyed a visit from the door-to-door seller of raffle tickets, you will not be disappointed. We are still doing this to remind you all of the date - 6th July - and the need to donate bottles etc for the tombola and any old crockery for the children to smash!. And of course, that your dogs will all need to be groomed and possibly washed. As always, any help that you can offer of ideas in advance or time on the day will be great Don't wait for the knock on the door - buy now and buy again.



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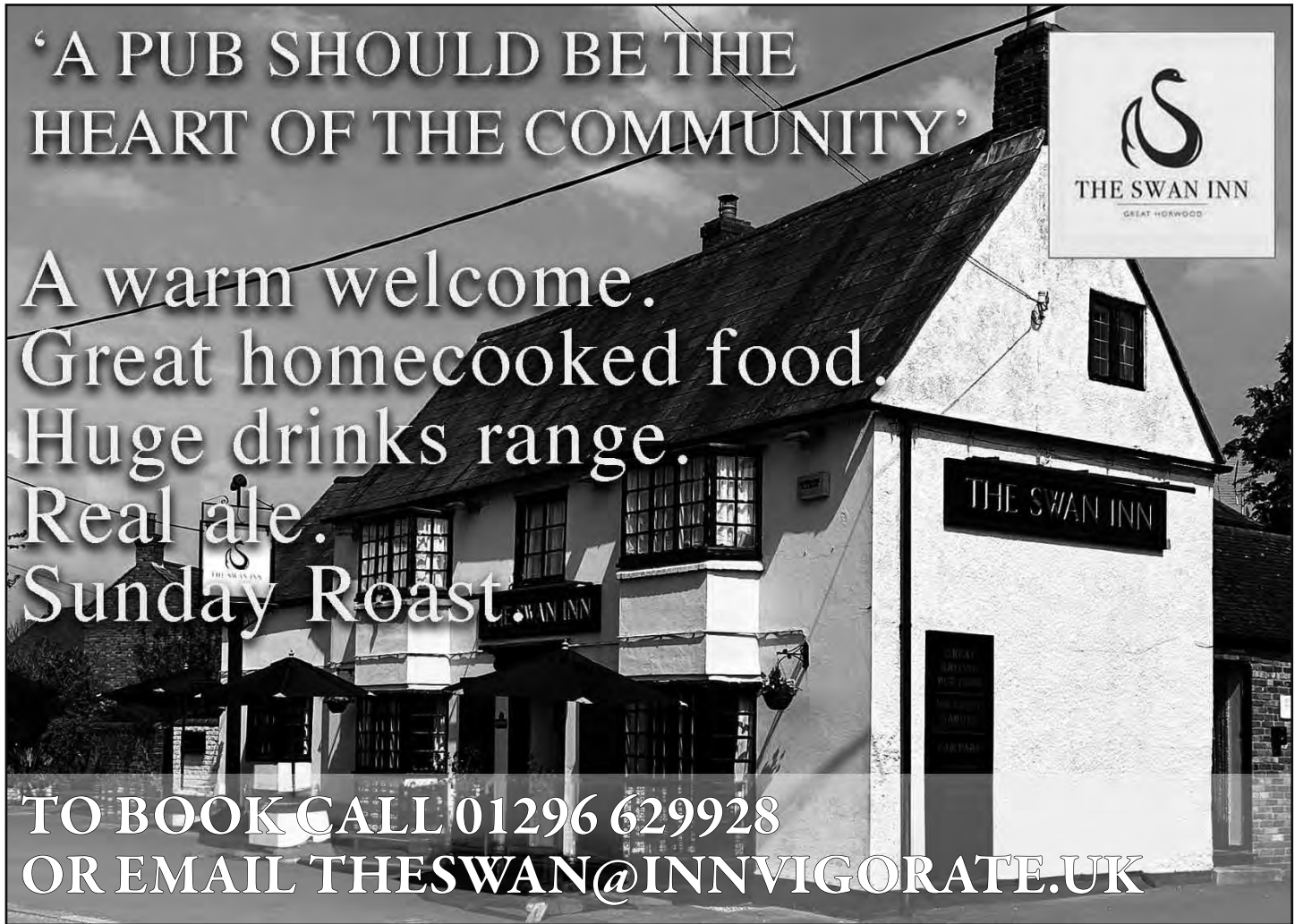
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St James' Services for June

2nd	11.00am	Holy Communion
9th	11.00am	Come and Praise
16th	11.00am	Creative Communion
23rd	11.00am	Come and Praise
30th	11.00am	Holy Communion

Church Key June: Rita Essam 714424

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ST JAMES'S CHURCHYARD

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St James' Church in Great Horwood bears responsibility for the upkeep of the churchyards in the immediate vicinity of the church as well as the new burial site close to the allotments next to the school. We are very grateful to those who help to retain them as open and attractive spaces for reflection and recreation in addition to their being sacred spaces where former residents of the Great Horwood and Singleborough have been lovingly buried and their lives commemorated by their friends and family members for many generations.

In common with civic burial grounds, there are strict rules governing how churchyards are to be managed, and in the parish, these are provided by the Chancellor (a senior judge) of the Diocese in the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Oxford. The 'Churchyard Regulations' set out the responsibilities of the rector, the PCC, and the churchwardens (but especially the rector or 'incumbent') when maintaining these spaces, and we are legally obliged to ensure that our churchyards always comply with these rules.

The regulations are provided to ensure that the churchyards remain safe spaces not only for those who visit, but for those caring for the grounds as well. The limitations placed on the design, shape, and wording on ledger stones and gravestones, and the types of floral and other tributes placed on them are designed to ensure that they are consistent with the doctrines of the Church of England, do not offend or endanger others, and retain these spaces as tranquil oases of quiet reflection.

Increasingly, we are also being encouraged to consider how our churchyards can be used to foster biodiversity and provide safe environments for many of our rapidly disappearing indigenous species of butterflies, bees, newts, and insects. The regulations also ensure that within reason, the notion that we are all equal in death is not overshadowed by overly ostentatious or showy displays of 'one-upmanship', so that the equal dignity and worth of all the churchyard's permanent 'residents' is maintained; and no one monument or plot stands out over and above those around it. To that extent, the regulations forbid the planting of shrubs or trees, though the planting of a small number of bulbs by each plot is allowed subject to the permission of the rector. Plastic flowers and plastic wreaths are not allowed, except for artificial poppies to commemorate those who have died in the service of their country in time of war or other conflict. Fresh cut or silk flowers may be placed

upon the grave, as can other floral arrangements so long as these do not contain plastics or other non-biodegradable materials and are removed once they have decayed or become faded, or the season they are commemorating (e.g. Christmas, Easter etc.) has passed.

Up to three small toys or similar objects may be left on the grave of a small child or infant for a period of 12 months from the date of burial with the permission of the rector, but statues, vases, lights, and other solid objects should not be left on any graves whatsoever, as these have a tendency to break or shatter and may impede the use of lawn mowers and other machinery used by our contractors, as do stone and glass chippings, new boundary stones, wooden borders; and other materials used to delineate individual grave spaces. These materials pose a particular danger as they can cause significant injury if thrown up by a lawn mower (or similar) towards those using them.

Any visitor to our churchyards will be aware that many of these regulations have not been observed in the recent past, which is entirely understandable as the dangers posed may not immediately be apparent. It is my legal responsibility however, to ensure that our churchyards comply fully with 'The Churchyard Regulations of 2016 which are legally binding upon me and all other users of the churchyard including the families and friends of those buried there, so I am writing to advise you that any such items not removed by the end of June 2024 will need to be removed and disposed of after that date. I realise that this is likely to be a very emotive topic for some, but many of you will be aware that Winslow Town Council have recently had to enforce very similar regulations at Furze Lane Burial Ground. We do want to be as responsive and sensitive as possible about this, which is why we are giving everyone the opportunity to remove items of sentimental or monetary value before this time. We have also had a problem with fly tipping on the graves at the back of the church and would ask those responsible to respect the dignity and sanctity of this space by disposing of their garden waste properly. We have a small congregation, and it is not fair that they must bear the cost of cleaning up what others have left there.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss further, or if you have any ideas as to how we might make the churchyards more attractive open spaces for the whole community to cherish and enjoy. Reverend Steve.

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In the first few weeks we have seen a happy Golden Wedding party, the return of the weekly Post Office and of course the Silver Band rehearsals. The monthly Parish Council meeting has also returned, and the Arts and Crafts group will soon be returning.

We are starting to take more bookings and are still looking for a self-employed cleaner who will ensure the Hall is kept spotless between hirings. Over the course of the month the person will have 10 hours at their disposal with some weeks being busier than others. The position will suit someone living locally who is self-motivated and relishes the idea of maintaining the feeling of our new Hall.

Please contact me for further details.

Ian Lamberton

Chairman

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WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

April was a very busy month for WADAS members, because they spent much of their spare time completing their "artistic items" for the Spring Exhibition held in the Winslow Public Hall. However, their endeavours were much appreciated, with many compliments about the diversity of exhibits and the excellent standard. Our visitors also said that they enjoyed the excellent refreshments, the raffles and the children's activities. Then a few days later on the 25th of April we enjoyed our monthly demonstration in the Winslow Bowls Club. As always, the door opened at 7 pm for a start at 7.30 pm. We always make everybody welcome, and the visitor's fee is only £5 which includes refreshments. So why not join us? This evening our Demonstrator was David Wilcox who is a professional watercolourist. David painted a large image of two ballet dancers. He talked about his journey of creation by explaining his technique of projecting the drawing onto the paper and mixing the paint on the paper using a limited palette for speed and accuracy. We all agreed the evening was inspirational and enjoyable. So why not join us? I've included details of our next demonstrations below.

Please contact us for further information:

Chair : Cheryl Wilyman 01296 640755

Treasurer : Jackie Chambers 01296 713607

Secretary : Monica Gilbey 01296 711915

Our Demonstration evenings are:

30 May 24 Paul Berryman, demonstration, medium to be confirmed.

27 June 24 Karen Thomas, demonstration on using graphite.

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If you would like to play or learn how to play, please contact us on 07922 87 66 88 or 07540 99 05 67 and we can arrange a session with you. Or just drop in on one of the club days and say hello. We will be happy to show you how to play if you are new to the sport. You can find us on the edge of the football ground near the scout hut.

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MEN IN SHEDS

We do keep quite busy at Winslow Shed but we always remember that, first and foremost, Shedding is about spending social-time with friends rather than working-time with colleagues. Most of us are lucky enough to have 'been there and done that' so avoiding too many rules is quite important. One rule we do try to stick to though is not doing 'off-site' work - we'll have a go at most things but only if they can be done here in our workshop. We did make an exception, however, when it was time to install the sign we had made for our friends at Greener Winslow. After such a cold, wet Spring it was satisfying to finish the job on a bright day in the fresh air. At this time of year it doesn't take long to forget the freezing workshop and numb fingers we had when preparing the timber back in March. Springtime has had a good effect back at the Shed too. I'm not sure how it started but one or two Shedders decided it was time for a tidy-up and the idea quickly built-up a head of steam. The idea was to free-up some bench space that had become lost to boxes of screws, tools and the assorted clutter we know as 'treasure'. We now have a workshop to feel even more proud of with 'a place for everything - and everything in its place' (as the saying goes). We're optimistic that we won't need any 'rules' to keep it that way! Hope to see you soon.

The Shed is open every Tuesday and Thursday
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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 4 June and Tuesday 2 July

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 13 and 27 June, Thursday 11 and 25 July

Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Asda Monday 24 June

Bus passes are not accepted on this trip which will cost £5.00. Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages Asda Shopping with the option to drop at Stadium MK1 for M&S, Primark, Next and more. Drop off at Westcroft on request..

The Old Talbot, Potterspury Monday 10th June. Travel £8

Lunch at this lovely traditional British pub then a stop off in Stoney Stratford on the way home.

Eastbourne Sunday 30th June, Travel £22

Day out at the Seaside.

The Three Trees, Bletchley. Monday July 8th Travel £5 Local Lunch out

Gloucester Steam Railway, Tuesday 23rd July

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PARISH PUMP

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting went ahead on the 29th April 2024, with a splendid number of 49 people attending – thank you to all those that did.

The primary purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting is for the Chairman to report on the activities of the Parish Council for the previous 12 months. The Chairman thanked his fellow Parish Councillors and all the various volunteers who contribute to the life in the Parish. There was a special mention to Sarah Biswell who took over as Clerk to the Council on 1st September 2023 and to Mandy Cliffe who has continued to assist the council with its accounting activities.

A great community event, hearing about what our local clubs and societies have been up to for the last 12 months. Also attending were the recipients of the Worthy Causes Grants that were presented last year. The Village Hall has been refurbished as a space for everyone in the village to use, and the Chairman encouraged any group that needs a place to meet to get in touch with those who run the Village Hall to enjoy the space that has been created.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

At the Council meeting held on 13th May Cllr John Gilbey was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr. Cousins was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Appointments were also made to various outside bodies including the following:-

- Winslow and Villages Community Board
- North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPPC)
- Great Horwood and Singleborough Village Hall
- Poor's Allotments (Castlefields) Charity
- Trustees to the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust

MOBILE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN

We need a new team of two volunteers to operate the Parish Council's Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS). This is the device that records the volume and speed of traffic passing and can be used in discussion with Buckinghamshire Council and Thames Valley Police to prove the need for some form of traffic calming. There are 5 sites around the parish where it can be used - 2 In Nash Road and 1 each in Little Horwood Road, Winslow Road and Singleborough. The operators are responsible for moving it to the various sites, downloading and analysing the data and reporting to the Parish Council.

If anyone would be interested in assisting with this please get in touch with the Clerk by email – clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk.

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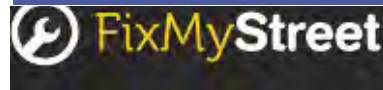
As mentioned last month, The Parish Council have now decided to have their own page on the social media platform, Facebook. It is simply called Great Horwood Parish Council. Have you liked this page yet?



COUNCILLORS

We have two vacancies on the Council. If you think you might be interested in volunteering to serve your local community in this way, please email and we can arrange to have a chat about the role and see if it is suited to you johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com

FIX MY STREET



Just a reminder to everyone that "FixMyStreet" is an

online facility where anyone can make a public report for things like graffiti, fly tipping, broken pavings slabs, and potholes that they see in the Village. This information gets passed to Buckinghamshire Council for them to action. The website address is <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

THE CROWN

Ongoing discussions between the Parish Council and Buckinghamshire Council and further updates will be given when they become available. Don't forget to check the minutes of the Parish Council meetings to see the latest information.

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NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say – please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street.

Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

Cllr. John Gilbey : Chairman of the Council
johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com

GOOD NEWS FROM NOOK PARK

It's been a while since you've heard from us, so now is the time to let you all know what's going on at Nook Park.

A second resident has won their Tribunal against Mr Burns. This is good news for us and although it's not 100% outright win as the resident will not be getting their garden back they will get compensation. The Judge ruled that the resident had lost a substantial amount of garden.

We have also seen the arrival of the first of the new homes. This is a semi-detached home and is 50 feet in length. Each home has 2 bedrooms, bathroom and open plan kitchen living space. All fitted with central heating, bathroom, kitchen and wardrobes. It came as usual in two halves and was expertly towed from the top of Willow Road down onto the site by a land-rover. It was difficult for Dean Roberts and his team to get it into Nook Park so two days later when the second half arrived it had the chassis modified for it to move a lot easier. This proved the right thing to do as the first half took nearly 8 hours from the top of Willow Road to arrive near its pitch. Unfortunately, the contractors had laid all the paths around each pitch, the house weighs 14 tonnes, so the slabs have been broken. Dean will be keeping us all informed as a village when more are due to come. We have no lighting again as they have had to turn them off as some of the lights have to be moved while the houses are being brought to the site.

Mr Burns has appealed against the Council's decision that he is not a Fit and Proper Person to run the site. This went to Tribunal, and we are waiting for the decision from the Judge. It just so happens it's the same Judge who did the other 2 Tribunals. As soon as we hear we'll keep you updated. The perimeter hedge

has been replaced so now it's a waiting game for it to establish. This will take years as the other hedge was between 60 and 100 years old.

Liz Phillips



GREAT HORWOOD & SINGLEBOROUGH WI

Magician brings joy to Great Horwood

An evening of magic, comedy and ventriloquism took place in the newly refurbished Village Hall in May. Organised by Great Horwood & Singleborough WI, the event was opened up to friends and family to attend. Gold Star member of the Magic Circle, David Tomkins, entertained guests with his magic, music, comedy and ventriloquism with a little help from his engaging puppets Elvis, Bjorn (Abba) and Roy Orbison. David is a very talented entertainer, and his light-hearted show with amazing magic tricks was a real hit with the audience.

The GH&S WI often team up with other local WIs for events as well as the national federation, so there are always plenty of things on offer. Recently, we enjoyed a musical evening with the Chase Group as we were entertained by Sloop Groggy Dog. It was great fun and the icing on the cake was our member Monica Gilbey winning the competition with her beautiful painting.

Our weekly walks on a Monday and Wednesday exploring the beautiful north Buckinghamshire countryside. In May, President Ann Biggins and Treasurer Liz Nicholls also joined 13 other WI members from around Bucks to do a 3.7 mile ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) charity walk near the village of Northall. The pub ploughman's lunch was very welcome! The raffle money raised at our May magic event was donated to ACWW.

If you're new to the village the WI is a great way to meet people. We have a varied programme throughout the year with excellent speakers, visits to places of interest and theatre outings. In June we have planned a visit to Friars Court in the Cotswolds. The Great Horwood & Singleborough WI meet every second Tuesday each month. If you'd like to join our friendly group or would like more information, please contact *Ann Biggins* – 07961 960802.

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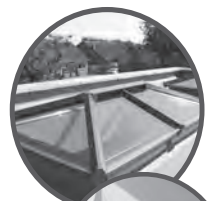


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