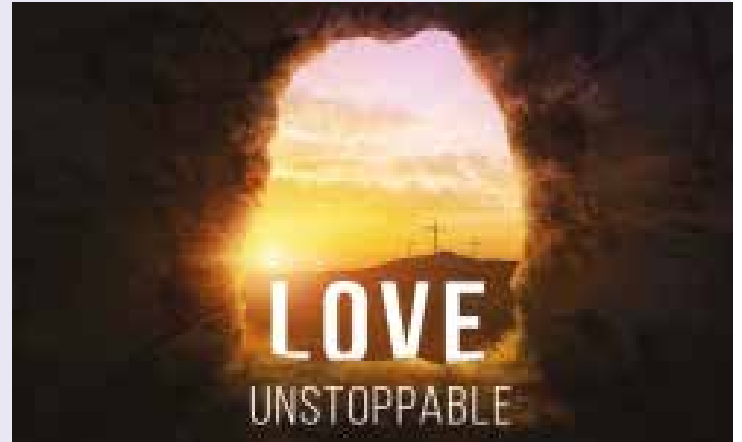
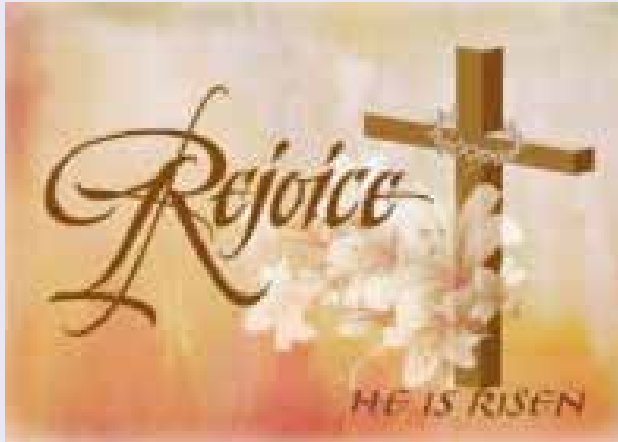


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So this Easter why not come and join us to give thanks to God for his love for each and every one of us? Come if you are in the depths of despair, or if everything in your garden is rosy. Come because you are loved by God.'

Rev'd Andrew Lightbown

Rev Andrew Lightbown e-mail alightbown@hotmail.co.uk phone 01296 712564

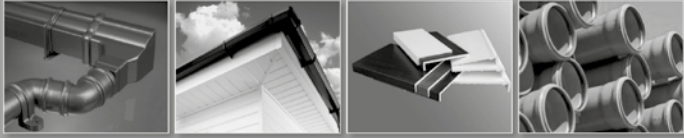
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Church Times

St James' Services for March			Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
6th Mar	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	J Margerrison	C Finnemore	J Margerrison
13th Mar	11.00am	Come & Praise	S Hemphill	J Hemphill	S Brazier
20th Mar	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service	I Lamberton	-	I Lamberton
21st Mar	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	-	-	-
27th Mar	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion	S Barfoot	J Margerrison	D Brazier
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3rd April	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	I Lamberton	J Margerrison
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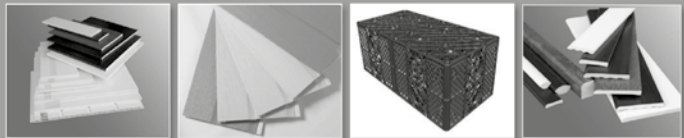
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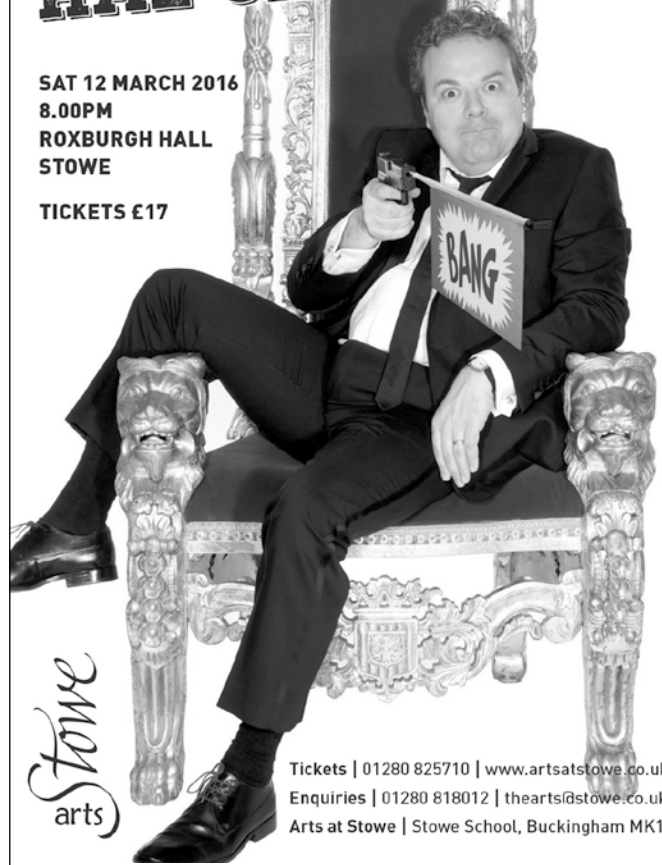
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Rev Andrew Lightbrown

We are delighted to announce that Rev Andrew Lightbrown is to be installed as the new Incumbent of the Winslow Benefice with Great Horwood and Addington. The Installation Service will take place on **Wednesday 16th March, St Laurence Church, Winslow at 7.30pm**. All are invited to attend and are most welcome.



Lighting of the Church Tower

The Tower was lit on:

- 31st January to remember Jillian Sirett
- 2nd February to remember Margaret Ridgeway who died 3 years ago
- 14th February in memory of Mary Lamberton's Birthday



Ian Lamberton

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches continue to be served **until Wednesday 23rd March in St James' Church at 12 noon**. Come and join us for a delicious home-made lunch, including soup, bread and cake. All welcome.



Palm Sunday Service

The Palm Sunday Service will start from the bottom of Willow Road at 10.15am. We process around the village with palms and arrive at St James' for the start of the service at 11.00am. Please join us at any time along the route for hymns and prayers on our way.



Easter Lilies

As many of you will know, St James' is decorated at Easter-time with lilies which can be purchased in memory of a loved one. The cost this year is £2 per lily or £5 for three lilies. If you would like to do so, please complete the list at the back of the Church and give any monies to June Margerrison at 5 Wigwell Gardens or Sue Brazier at 17 The Close. So that the lilies can be ordered in good time for Easter, please note that the **closing date will be Friday 18th March**.



Mothering Sunday Service

Please join us for our Mothering Sunday Holy Communion on Sunday 6th March where flowers will be given to all mothers. Coffee and simnel cake will be served after the service. All welcome.



BT Super-fast Broadband

BT fibre optic Broadband - BT Infinity - has finally come to Great Horwood and Singleborough, meaning much faster internet speeds.



I have just switched to this service from my old standard BT broadband. I used to get download speeds of less than 1Mb, so when I used the internet it was slow and cumbersome. I would wait for the screen to spring into life as I went onto websites. And woe-betides me if I wanted to download, or worse, upload anything.

Now I have download speeds of around 30Mb, a total transformation. Updating my satnav maps used to take 10+ hours, now it takes a lot less than 1.

If you'd like to take advantage of this new service, just go onto the BT website where you'll find all sorts of offers and packages.

Dean White

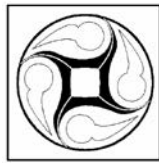
Pot Holes

Pot holes on Church Lane by The Green have been reported to Transport for Bucks (Bucks County Council) via the website <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-It-Pothole.aspx>.

Pot holes in Great Horwood can be reported to this website by members of the public or they can contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk/01296 715829.

Pot holes on land owned by the Parish Council, e.g. The Green itself, should be reported to the Parish Clerk.

Mandy Cliffe (Parish Clerk)



Great Horwood
Parish Council

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our neighbours, friends, and so many other people for their kind words, thoughts and support since Chris's cycling accident at the beginning of January, resulting in spinal injuries.

Following an 8-hour operation at the John Radcliffe Hospital to put rods in place, he is now home and recovering. Hopefully in time he will be none the worse for wear!

Sandra and Chris Sanderson

Editors note: Sandra and Chris are my neighbours. It's good to see that Chris is on the mend, and I'm sure one reason for that is his incredibly positive attitude and determination. He's not feeling sorry for himself, and rather than taking things easy, is pushing himself harder each day. He's also getting 5-star support from Sandra. I look forward to seeing him back on his bike.



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Jolley by name, jolly by nature

How sad and shocked I was to hear the news of Richard Jolley's death. It seems hard to believe that those of us who stopped for a chat with him whilst he was walking his dogs will no longer see that always smiling face, or get a wave from him in his car as he drove his wife Jacky about doing the daily chores together.



A great deal of people turned out to pay their respects to this kindly man and his family. Their two Grandsons, Liam and Travis, were pall bearers taking their much loved Grandfather to his final resting place here in Great Horwood. At the service they told of their love for him, then read out a truly moving tribute from Jacky, telling the story of their friendship from being small children playing here in the village to a lifetime together. They spoke of his working days as a lorry driver and although only a hobby, his affinity was with the great outdoors and of course his dogs.

The wake was held at the Crown and all donations in Richard William Jolley's memory are to benefit the local charity Medical Detection Dogs. So a very sad farewell to a lovely man who will be sorely missed.

Jane Holland

WI

We had an interesting talk, with slides, on photography at our February meeting. David Thrower was passionate about his subject and gave us some good tips.

Our meeting on 8th March will be a social evening when we will be having a quiz.

Also in March, we are going for a tour of the giant John Lewis warehouse at Magna Park, attending an "Investigation and Discovery Day" in Aylesbury and visiting Mursley WI for a group meeting.

A note for diaries: **We are holding a fund raising evening entitled "The Story of Great Ormond Street Hospital" on Thursday 28th April in the Village Hall.** Included in the ticket price of £5 will be a glass of wine and refreshments. All proceeds will go to the hospital. Everyone is welcome, not just WI members. Please contact Karen Wilkinson: 712933 or Liz Nicholls: 715331.

Angela Mayne



Great Horwood Village Hall



The management committee would like to say a big thank you to the Silver Band for their generous donation to the village hall and also to some of our residents who save their small change and give that to the hall funds. Thank you all. It is the donations and a full calendar of bookings that help to keep the hall hire charges at a reasonable rate.

On the big notice board inside the village hall is a calendar with all of the hall bookings on it. We will try to keep it updated every week. The charges for the hall are on the notice board in the front entrance hall and also a general information sheet that might be helpful.

We still have plenty of free weekend during the year, so if you are planning an event why not consider booking the hall.

As well as hiring out the hall we also hire out tables and chairs.

Gill Wood

Donations to FOCUS

Thank you to Great Horwood WI for your kind donation to 'FOCUS'. The WI has been a regular supporter of the magazine for many many years and it is greatly appreciated.



Dean White

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

In preparation for the lighting of the beacon on Her Majesty's 90th birthday get out your gloves (a must) and pinny (and a high-viz jacket if you have one) to meet on **The Green Sunday 17th April at 11.30 and**

Clean for The Queen

Let's get the community together for a litter pick and all round spruce up and get Great Horwood looking spic and span ready for the birthday celebrations that will be held on The Green. Let's be proud of our village and make it look good enough for royalty.

Enquires: Jane Holland 715704
jane.holland.313@btinternet.com

Great Horwood will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday with a gas fired beacon on The Green on Thursday 21st April

Timing will be notified in the April Focus. Lighting of the beacon will take place after dark (sunset is approx 8.15pm). The local WI has generously offered to provide Buck's Fizz and cake! More details next time.

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**Message from
PCSO Wendy Taylor**

**Thefts from vehicles and
outbuildings**

At the end of January we had a spate of thefts from motor vehicles and outbuildings in Buckingham, Winslow and surrounding villages. Some owners had read the social media about it and decided to take the tools out of their vans. They were justly rewarded as their vans were broken into but left with only a broken window as the culprits quickly realised the tools had been removed. Sadly, this was not the case for some of the others.

Whilst it is a complete inconvenience to remove the tools each night, at least you will still have them to remove. One builder commented that it is 'really gutting to have the tools taken when you work so hard to buy them in the first place'. Please find a way to ensure your tools cannot be stolen. Some vehicles, left secure, are being entered without damage. We wonder if there are electronic devices that open a locked vehicle without a key? Beware.

Phishing/scamming campaign

Our Force is supporting a campaign to encourage people to be aware of scams using the internet - 'known as 'phishing'.

'Phishing' is a scam where fraudsters manipulate their victims into sharing confidential information. This may happen via email, telephone calls, text messages or via post.

If you are a victim of fraud, you can report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre, by calling 0300 123 2040 or by visiting the Action Fraud website.

www.actionfraud.police.uk

If you have been a victim of banking fraud or spot irregular activity on your account, contact your bank immediately as there will be more chance that your losses may be recovered

"Your Package Has Been Seized" Royal Mail scam email

Fraudsters are sending out virus infected emails that claim a package has been seized by HM Revenue & Customs upon arrival into the United Kingdom. The official looking scam emails claiming to be from Royal Mail contain a link to a document which will install malicious software on your computer designed to steal credentials like account names, email addresses and passwords.

An example email reads:

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Document (RM7002137GB).Zip

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

To help the spread of the virus, the email also says: "you will need to have access to a computer to download and open the Zip file". **If you receive one of these emails, do not click on any links or download any attachments and report it to Action Fraud.**

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Wendy Taylor



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Great Horwood Combined Church of England School PTA

Our Valentine's Raffle was a great success. Congratulations to Rachel who won the Luxury Valentine's Hamper and to Becky and Natalie who won 2nd and 3rd prize. We would like to say a massive thank you to **The Bell in Winslow, The Old Thatched Inn in Adstock, Whittlebury Hall** and **Redshift Media Production** for their support in donating such fantastic prizes.



The PTA volunteers are busy preparing for our next village event, the **Mad March Hare 5k Fun Run on Sunday 13th March from 12 noon**. I've dug my trainers out from the back of the cupboard and can currently be found huffing and puffing along Pilch Lane on a Saturday morning (I'm the one with the bright pink hat being overtaken by dog walkers). The Fun Run is a great event for all ages (and speeds) and we are really lucky to be sponsored once again by **Marble Arts** and **PS Properties**. The road is closed off for the duration of the event, refreshments are available at the school and there are medals for all finishers (plus house points for pupils who finish). We are aiming for a record event this year so why don't you come along and give it a go? You can find the entry form on the back of this month's Focus magazine. Sheila is still looking for **raffle prizes and marshals** for the event so if you think you might have something to contribute or would like to be a marshal, please contact her (Tel. 711627) or email greathorwoodpta@gmail.com.

Once we have finished with the Fun Run, we will be putting on a **Race Night on Saturday 23rd April** from 7:30pm. Our venue is the School Hall and we will have a professional tote (with thanks to Claydon Racing in Winslow) and licensed bar. If you would like to book your tickets please email greathorwoodpta@gmail.com.

These events make a massive difference to our ability to help support the school and our children. We have set ourselves a target of raising £8k for the school this year, as we are hoping to buy a storytelling chair, portable outdoor speaker and microphone, some raised veggie beds, other play equipment and to continue our support towards the school library.

Further village events coming up include:

- Table Top Sale - Saturday 14th May (a great opportunity to have a clear out and pick up a bargain).

Debbie Huskinson

Great Horwood School PTA. Registered Charity No 1047149



NEWS FROM G.H.A.S. YOUTH CLUB...

We recently talked about and celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Monkey.

We made Chinese hats, decorated the hall with genuine Chinese

wall hangings, lanterns and a dragon's head, ate a delicious take-away and played Chinese Checkers.

On Saturday 19th March we are organising a joint afternoon of Music, Song and Delicious tea with the

Silver Band. This will take place in the **Village Hall starting at 3pm**

Tickets are £7 from Monica Gilbey on 01296 711915 or e-mail mgibey@fsmail.net

All proceeds will be divided equally between the Youth Club and the N.S.P.C.C.

Please come to support us and enjoy yourselves!



Waitrose in Buckingham - 'Community Matters'

Waitrose has a scheme to give financial support to local good causes called 'Community Matters'. We have recently received a cheque from Waitrose, Buckingham for £248.

We are very grateful to Waitrose and to all of you who took the trouble to travel to Buckingham and selected our box for your green counters!

Thanks a lot.

Monica Gilbey (Chair and Leader)

Grants to local organisations

On behalf of the residents of Great Horwood and the Parish Council, Chairman John Scholtens formally presented cheques to the GH Silver Band (£500), Winslow Community Bus (£500) and 'FOCUS' magazine (£500) at the Parish Council Meeting on 8th February 2016. He also visited GH Combined school and presented a cheque (£1,000) for the new play equipment.

Mandy Cliffe (Parish Clerk)



(l - r) Roy Lack, Beryl Lack and Len Goodwin of the Silver Band



Paula Shaw and the children of GHCE School receive their cheque from John Scholtens



Lynne King on behalf of Winslow Community Bus



June Margerrison receiving the FOCUS cheque



Lions Club of Winslow

Come and Drink for Charity!

The Lions Club of Winslow is proud to bring you the eleventh Winslow Beer Festival on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March.

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It all kicks off at 7pm on Friday night at the Winslow Public Hall, Elm Fields Gate, with the first opportunity for attendees to try the variety of beers and ciders available.

Our second session of the festival starts at 1pm, Saturday lunchtime, during which we will have coverage of the final weekend of the RBS 6 Nations. Wales vs. Italy will get the session under way, followed by Ireland vs. Scotland at 5pm. During our last session starting at 7pm we will show the last

game of the tournament: France vs England starting at 8pm (depending on the outcome of the previous matches we may show the match with a reduced audio level so as not to disturb those that want to enjoy a beer without the sound of rugby).

There is a small entrance fee for each session of £5; this includes a commemorative glass and a programme. Any CAMRA card carrying members will receive a complimentary drink voucher. Each session will require a separate Admission Ticket - for anyone attending the Saturday Evening Session from the Matinee you can purchase a 'Follow-On' ticket for £ 3 (without a glass or programme).

Tickets will be available in advance at The Bell Hotel in Winslow, from the 1st March. As this event is growing in popularity we suggest you buy your tickets early because the venue will restrict numbers. Please come and join us and remember, by having a drink with us, you are helping us to help local charities.

Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

Great Horwood Silver Band

The Band's next engagement is the Annual Concert in the Buckingham Community Centre on **Saturday 5th March from 7.30pm**. Entry on the door £7 and £5 Concessions, there will be a raffle and refreshments at half time.

On Saturday 19th March some band members will play for the Youth Club invitation party. If you would like to come and enjoy an afternoon of music, singing and delicious teas, please contact Monica Gilbey on 01296 711915.

We have a Concert in May in memory of Bob Hart who sadly died last September. All proceeds from this concert will go to the Downs Syndrome charity, which is the charity chosen by Bob's family.

We welcome Sharon Taylor into the band. Sharon is playing Baritone.

We are very grateful to the Great Horwood Parish Council for the generous grant of £500 towards the purchase of some new uniforms. We bought the present band uniforms in 1997; they are good quality and wearing very well. We recycle them in the band wherever possible, but as members leave and others join we have to replace some as they don't always fit. This generous grant will enable us to buy at least three new uniform jackets and ensure the band turns up to engagements always looking smart.



100 Club winners for January were:

- Beryl Lack: £12
- Di Cook: £8

Draws are made monthly for the £12 and £8 prize, and in June and December there is a draw for £50. If you would like to join the 100 club at 10p per week please ask any band member or telephone Frances Robinson who runs the 100 club for us, on 01296 712454.

Beryl Lack

Web page www.freewebs.com/greathorwood

Taylor Wimpey Planning Inquiry

The Weston Road Planning Inquiry will be taking place from Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th March in Aylesbury.



Great Horwood Parish Council

Whilst the first day may be taken up with procedural items, the Parish Council asks that as many people as possible try to attend the Inquiry, (particularly on the first day), to show solidarity with the Parish's opposition to the Weston Road planning application. It is really important that the Inspector can see the depth of feeling amongst residents for himself.

Venue: Aylesbury Vale District Council, The Diamond Room, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 8FF, starting at 10.00am.

Mandy Cliffe (Parish Clerk)



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Great Horwood
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Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting – Monday 8 February 2016

Introduction

Following the usual Christmas and New Year holiday break for parish council meetings, there have been some significant things to report from the last two months.

Parish Updates

Planning

The Weston Road Planning Enquiry will take place starting at 10am on Tuesday 15 March to Friday 18 March 2016 in the Diamond Room, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, Bucks HP19 8FF.

Great Horwood Parish Council will be represented by; Matthew Dale-Harris, a barrister from Landmark Chambers to concentrate on the legal aspects of the case; David Saunders who will describe the issues arising in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and Neil Homer who will be our expert witness on the planning issues. Although the first day will probably be taken up mainly with procedural items, the Parish Council asks that as many people as possible try to attend the inquiry to support our opposition to the Taylor Wimpey Weston Road planning application. It is really important that the Inspector can see the depth of feeling amongst residents for himself.

Pilch Lane Hedge Cutting

Anyone disturbed to see the drastic cutting of hedges on Pilch Lane might like to know that the Parish Council contacted local Bucks Councillor John Chilver to see if anything could be done about it. John contacted the AVDC Ecologist Paul Holton who informed us that the landowner had done nothing illegal as the cutting was done outside the bird breeding season and the plants had not been grubbed out. What has been done is a form of coppicing, which more usually sees cutting the hedge close to the ground. In this case, if left to regenerate, the hedge will thicken at the top of the stem but will take three to five years to become useful cover for wildlife once again. The North Bucks RSPB also looked into the matter for us with much the same conclusion. The one glimmer of hope they offered was that the species making up the hedges (hawthorn, blackthorn, ash and elm deadwood) are known to recover well, even from such drastic treatment.

Speedwatch

A Speed Watch Campaign is being planned for Great Horwood. This would require local volunteers in teams of two or three to give an hour or two of their time each week to monitor traffic movements into the village. Are you able to help? Training in using the speed gun will be given by Thames Valley Police (TVP) and hi-viz jackets will be provided. All data from Speed Watch will be reported to TVP and those breaking the speed limit will be contacted. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mandy Cliffe, on 01296 715829 or email clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk

TVP are also continuing their preliminary work for official speed enforcement operations in Great Horwood.

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

On 21st April, Great Horwood will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with a gas fired beacon on The Green. Timing will be notified in the April Focus

but, obviously, lighting of the beacon will take place after dark (sunset is approx 8.15pm). The local WI has generously offered to provide Buck's Fizz and cake! More details to come.

Parish Precept

From April 2016, residents will notice that the Great Horwood portion of their council tax, known as the Parish Precept, will have risen. In total, the Parish has requested an extra £6000. The reasons for this are:

- GHPC is making forward plans to provide a School Crossing Patrol for which it has to meet most of the cost.
- Providing the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreational Trust with extra money to fund a slide for Horwode Pece and help with maintenance costs such as replacing the woodchip.
- To contribute to a reserve fund to pay for any unplanned maintenance required in the village.

Moreover, the Parish Council has also had to budget for a cost in excess of £8,000 for representation at the Weston Road Planning Enquiry.

Devolved Services

From 1st April Great Horwood PC will take over responsibility from Bucks County Council for certain devolved services for our parish including roadside grass cutting and limited hedge trimming in Great Horwood and Singleborough, and monitoring of signage and pavements. The work will be carried out by Ian Walker of Thomas Redding Contracts, who currently cuts the grass on Horwode Pece and has been doing a great job. More detail will be put on the Great Horwood Parish Council website.

Parish Council Website, Meetings and Suggestions

For a more comprehensive report of the latest or indeed previous Parish Council meetings, 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 and lots of information about the parish.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention, please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors. Otherwise, we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting where we include a public participation period where you can raise an item directly. The next meeting of the Council will take place in the **Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 14th March.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 11th April, after a shortened monthly parish council meeting which will start at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Local groups and societies will be invited to report briefly on their activities over the past year.

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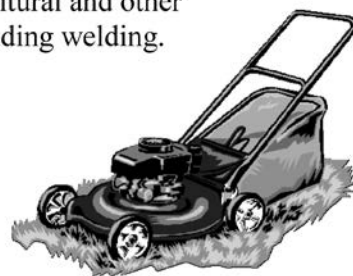
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- Tuesday 12th April - Local lunch at The Robin Hood Buffler's Holt. £4 travel.
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- Tuesday 19th April - Woodland run with pub lunch £6
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- Thursday 28th April - Westcroft Shopping* Morrison's, Aldi, Boots etc

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