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## Church Times

### St James' Services for March

5th Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion
12th Mar	11.00am	Come & Praise
19th Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion
26th Mar	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Come and Share
2nd April	11.00am	Holy Communion

### Sidesmen

I Lamberton
S Hemphill
J Margerrison
-
N Weir
I Lamberton

### Reader

C Finnemore
T Brazier
J Brigden
-
N Weir
C Finnemore

### Intercessor

I Lamberton
S Brazier
J Margerrison
-
D Brazier
I Lamberton

**Church Key Rota:** - Rita Essam 714424

### Ash Wednesday Service

The Ash Wednesday Service this year will take place on Wednesday 1st March at 8pm. This is a service to mark the start of our time of Lent, as we look forward to the joy of Easter. During the service, the imposition of ashes may be received. Everyone is welcome.



### Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will once again be served during Lent on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 8th March and will continue until Wednesday 12th April. We have a change of venue and will be meeting in the Village Hall, from 12 noon. Come and join us for a delicious home-made lunch, including soup, bread and cake. All welcome.



### Mothering Sunday Service

Please join us for our Mothering Sunday Come and Share Service on Sunday 26th March where flowers will be given to all mothers. Coffee and simnel cake will be served after the service. All welcome.



### Easter Lilies

As many of you will know, St James' is decorated at Eastertime 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 Memory 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.



### Lighting of the Church Tower

The Tower was lit on the 2nd February in memory of Margaret Ridgway



*Ian Lamberton*

Thank you.



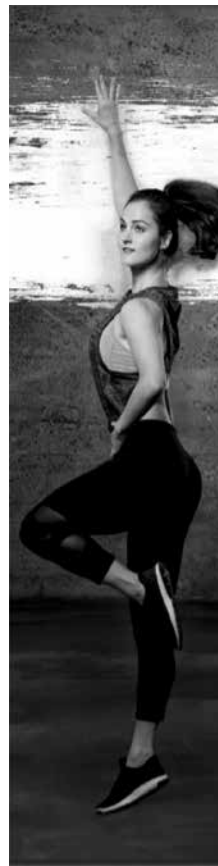
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The Great Horwood School PTA hope to see many of you on the day for the annual 5k Fun Run up and down Pilch Lane. Even if you don't fancy running the route, walkers and spectators are welcome too. It is one of the School's biggest fundraisers and once again we are being kindly sponsored by Marble Arts and PS Properties. The PTA will be providing delicious and hot and cold refreshments in the School Hall. There is also a raffle with many fantastic prizes and all proceeds go to the School. We need Marshalls on the day too so if you fancy helping out please contact Sheila Landymore on 711627

## **Great Horwood Village Hall**

### **Art and Craft Group**



We meet every Friday between 10am and 12 noon. We are a small friendly group and we cover a variety of different hobbies. We occasionally have a taster morning when we try a new craft. Last year we tried glass painting, encaustic wax painting and different methods of drawing and painting these sessions are always great fun.

We always welcome visitors so if you feel you could do with a couple of hours out, come and join us for a cup of coffee and a biscuit and perhaps have a try at something new.

### **Wednesday Coffee Morning**

9.30 to 11.30

When the Post Office stopped coming through the retirement of Paula we decided to keep the coffee morning going and it is very successful with all ages coming. It is important to have a meeting place where you can meet your friends and just have a chat and catch up with the village news. We still hope that the Post Office will return and will let the village know when we have any definite information.

*Gill Wood, booking clerk*

## **Great Horwood ART & CRAFT GROUP**

### **TIME FOR A CUPPA**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Coffee/Tea Morning on Friday 17th March at 10.30 am to raise money for the Dementia UK campaign to fund more Admiral nurses. These nurses provide pragmatic and emotional support for the growing number of people with dementia.

We will also be displaying the many types of art and craft that we undertake. It's not just painting and sewing!

Come along to enjoy a 'cuppa' and homemade cake and view our handycrafts. You will be surprised at the range of activities we do.

FREE entry, donations for refreshments with all proceeds to Dementia UK.



## **Great Horwood Silver Band**



On Saturday February 4th some of the band members conducted by our new Musical Director Clive Keech, joined forces with members of the Youth Club for an afternoon of music and entertainment.

The band played throughout the afternoon interspersed by five Youth Club members performing on Keyboard, Guitar, and two vocalists. One song was accompanied by Charlotte on guitar the other vocals were accompanied by the band.

The band finished the programme with the old favourite "Hootenanny" much to the delight of the large number of people in the audience, who also showed their appreciation of the very talented performers from the Youth Club. The event was arranged by Youth Club leader Monica Gilbey who was ably assisted by a host of adult helpers and Youth Club members. All proceeds will be shared between the Youth Club and Cancer Research UK.

It was nice to receive a lovely card with illustrations from the girls of the guides group thanking us for the £200 we raised for them at the Christmas Carol concert.

The bands Annual Concert is on Saturday March 4th from 7.30 pm in the Buckingham Community Centre. Admission by programme available on the door at £7 and £5 Concessions. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

At last we have managed to find a uniform maker who can match our present uniforms, and we are hoping to receive our four new uniforms in time for the concert

100 Club winners for January were

Alistair Haig	£12
Julie Hart	£8

If you would like to join the 100 club at 10p per week please contact Frances Robinson on 01296712454 or ask any band member. If you would like to keep up with what the band are doing please log on to our website for photos and news.

To book the band for your special occasion please telephone Beryl on 01908 510809

*Beryl Lack*

**Web page** [www.greathorwoodband.com](http://www.greathorwoodband.com)

## **Horwode Pece**

We are in the process of organising the top up of wood chippings for all of the play areas, this should be completed by the end of March. Ramps leading up to the toddlers play area have been topped with non-slip strips to help with grip in the wet weather.



Finally, a HUGE thanks goes out to Dean White for all his years as Editor of Focus. He was an amazing editor, always there to accommodate, be it putting our events in full on the back page, to putting up with the odd 'past deadline' submission. Well done Dean, you deserve the well earned rest.

*Cathy Holland.*  
*Committee member.*

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## Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor

### **Offenders brought to justice**

Thames Valley Police has charged a man with two counts of exposure, one count of sexual assault and one count of violence to secure entry, following three incidents in Buckingham and Winslow.



Greg Laird, aged 29, of Old Station Close, Winslow, was arrested and charged on Monday 17 January.

The charges are in connection with an incident of sexual assault in Winslow on 30 September 2016, an incident of exposure and violence to secure entry in Winslow on 13 November 2016 and an incident of exposure in Buckingham on 1 January.

Laird appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on 18 January and has been remanded to next appear at Aylesbury Crown Court.

### **Cyber Crime/Fraud**

#### **Payment diversion alert**

Fraudsters are emailing members of the public who are expecting to make a payment for property repairs. The fraudsters will purport to be a tradesman who has recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. They will ask for funds to be transferred via bank transfer. Once payment is made the victims of the scam soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their services.

#### **Protect yourself**

- Always check the email address is exactly the same as previous correspondence with the genuine contact.
- For any request of payment via email verify the validity of the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work.
- Check the email for spelling and grammar as these signs can indicate that the email is not genuine.
- Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection; consider using alternative methods such as a credit card or PayPal which offer protection and an avenue for recompense

#### **Fake Amazon emails claim you have placed an order**

Action Fraud has received several reports from victims who have been sent convincing looking emails claiming to be from Amazon. The spoofed emails from "service@amazon.co.uk" claim recipients have made an order online and mimic an automatic customer email notification. The scam email claims recipients have ordered an expensive vintage chandelier. Other reported examples include: Bose stereos, iPhone's and luxury watches.

The emails cleverly state that if recipients haven't authorised the transaction they can click on the help centre link to receive a full refund. The link leads to an authentic-looking website, which asks victims to confirm their name, address, and bank card information.

Amazon says that suspicious emails will often contain:

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Finally, there has been a spike in cars taken from drives that have been left running to de-ice/ warm up - old cars, new cars, low-spec, high-spec, city, towns and village locations. Some are opportunistic, some are organised but all are preventable and none are claimable against insurance. Please don't learn the hard and expensive way.

#### **Have Your Say**

As part of our policing role, protecting the vulnerable in our society is a Force priority. So, to this end you will see us attending meetings where the more vulnerable attend. Whilst we call it 'Have Your Say', community engagement probably describes it better.

**Village Hall, Little Horwood** 11:00-12:00  
28 Mar, 25 Apr, 23 May, 20 Jun, 18 Jul, 15 Aug, 12 Sept, 11 Oct

**Village Hall, Great Horwood** 10:00-11:30  
1 Mar, 29 Mar, 26 Apr, 24 May, 21 Jun, 19 Jul, 16 Aug, 13 Sept, 10 Oct

**Market Day, Winslow** 10:00-12:00  
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*Wendy Taylor*



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Our second session of the festival starts at 12.30pm, Saturday lunchtime. During the session we will have coverage of the final weekend of the RBS 6 Nations. Scotland vs. Italy will get the session underway, followed by France vs. Wales at 2.45pm. We will show the last game of the tournament Ireland vs England starting at 5pm. (depending on the outcome of the previous matches we may show 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).

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On Saturday 4th February we held our "Almost Valentine's Day" afternoon tea in the village hall with the Great Horwood Silver Band. The event was attended by 60 guests including our local County Councillor John Chilver and local District Councillors Sue Renshell and Llew Monger as well as the Rev. Andrew Lightbown.



The band played popular numbers throughout the afternoon and Evie and Hannah sang, Oliver and Owen played the keyboard and Theo the guitar.



Many members of the youth club helped serve during the afternoon including Katie, Amy, Maisie, Ella, Alysha and Becky.



The event was sponsored by a grant from Bucks County Council Local Area Forum and raised £580 of which half will be donated to the charity Cancer Research UK, which was chosen by the young people, and half will go towards funding the youth club.



On the weekend of 10th to 12th of February our 5 older members - Evie, Katie, Hannah, Georgie and Theo attended Youth Leader training at the Caldecotte Xperience in MK and were sponsored by the GHAS Youth Club.

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### SENSORY BANDS FOR DEMENTIA PATIENTS

The knitters among the Great Horwood & Singleborough Women's Institute are busy making sensory bands for people with dementia who are admitted to hospital, usually suffering from a separate condition. These bands, or muffs, can be handled and worn to provide comfort. Mainly knitted with double knitting wool, the aim is to make sections of different textures and adding ribbon, buttons and beads for interest.

The National Federation W.I. is campaigning for carers to be able to stay with patients in hospital as parents can stay with a child. This has been proven to ensure a better quality of care and leads to improved outcomes. By making these bands we are supporting this campaign as they will be taken into hospital with the aim of enquiring about the rights of carers.

But it's not solely for WI members - anyone can make these bands and they are not difficult to knit. In fact we already have friends who are producing them.

So, if you feel you would like to join us or possibly donate wool, buttons, beads, ribbon etc. please contact me. I can let you have a pattern although any design is acceptable and it's fun to get creative.

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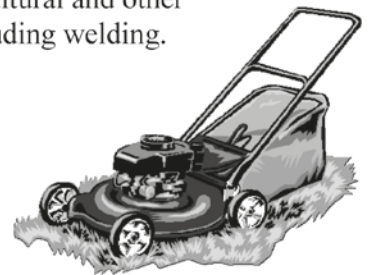
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**Great Horwood  
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## Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting - Monday 13 February 2017

The Parish Council meeting on 13 February began with presentations to Great Horwood Football Club and the Winslow and District Community Bus. Both these organisations, who are recipients of Parish Council grants this year, make valuable contributions to the community and it is

good to have an opportunity to put our appreciation of what they do on record. Presentations to the other recipients of this year's grants will be made on other occasions.

We were pleased that both John Chilver, our County Councillor, and Sir Beville Stanier, our District Council Councillor were able to be present at the meeting this month. Indeed, since the meeting, they have each taken up points on the Parish's behalf with their respective councils.

There was the usual round of reports on roadworks, including potholes and pavements, on matters relating to footpaths and on the latest maintenance at Horwode Pece. The continual care which the Horwode Pece Management Committee exercise ensures that this facility remains in good condition for everyone. The Parish Council noted with regret that even more trees have been felled at the Horwood Mill site: this is said to be to enable plans for the proposed houses to be prepared.

A group of residents gave a short presentation about their proposal to replace the phone box on The Green which is being withdrawn from service with a refurbished red Gilbert Scott phone box. The Parish Council will be giving this matter careful consideration.

Turning to planning matters, the most notable item this month was the recent withdrawal of the outline application for up to 34 dwellings at Willow Road. It seems likely that the highway difficulties were a determining factor in this case. The future requirement for housing in the village is once more up in the air as the number of houses required in Aylesbury Vale is again under consideration. The preparation of the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP), which was already delayed by revised housing need figures issued late last year and the ongoing discussions about the future structure of local government, has been a further set back in the light of the intention to require local authorities to meet 'realistic needs' announced in the recent Government White Paper on housing.

Of more immediate and local concern, the contract for grass cutting in 2017 was agreed. It was also noted and welcomed that a Litter Pick was about to take place which should make the village look neater and tidier. The proposal to install an internet connection in the Village Hall is moving on. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May 2017 were also considered.

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

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention at any time please contact the Clerk or any Councillor. We are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which there is

always a public participation period. The next meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 13 March 2017 in the Village Hall.

*Mary Saunders  
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## **WE WANT YOU!** **GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL** **NEEDS YOU**

Known as a Casual Vacancy (source of the title of the JK Rowling novel) Great Horwood Parish Council would very much like to hear from any resident willing to become a co-opted member of the Council.

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Please contact the Clerk on [clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk) or telephone 01296 715829. An informal chat with a councillor can then be arranged so that interested parties can find out what is involved prior to co-option at the next available PC Meeting.

### **GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL** **Useful Contact Details**



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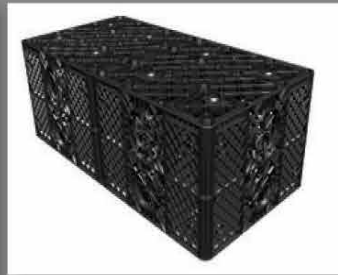
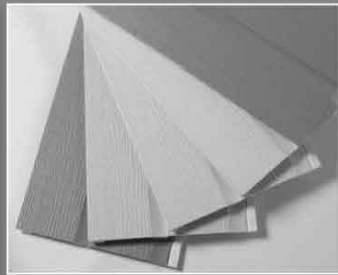
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