

FOCUS

Local Skier Back to Podium Position



(Photo thanks to Racer Ready.)

After breaking his patella 20 months ago whilst ski race training, Great Horwood resident Zachary Metheringham has battled back to take top podium places at early season races this January.

Racing in the U14 category in Austria at the Ambition Championships and Team Evolution Speed Race Series, Zac skied to podium places in all the alpine events; Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G and Alpine Combined.

He now moves across to Italy and then France to take part in the English and British Championships over the next few months before undertaking a punishing summer training programme.

His hard work on and off the slopes has been recognised with a place on the Snowsport England Alpine Development Squad.

The Akeley Wood pupil trains out in Austria with Team Evolution Alpine Race Academy and with Ski MK Race Team at Snozone MK. He regularly trains alongside Winter Olympic Team GBR athletes and is working hard to be selected to represent GBR.

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Church Times

St James' Services for March 2018

			Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
4 Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	C Finnemore	I Lamberton
11 Mar	11.00am	Mothering Sunday Come and Praise	P Moyles	T Brazier	S Brazier
18 Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	D Brazier	I Lamberton
25 Mar	11.00am	Palm Sunday Come and Share	D Brazier	J Brigden	Clergy
26 Mar	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross	-	-	-
29 Mar	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	-	-	-

April

1 April	11.00am	Easter Day Family Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
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Church Key Rota: Rita Essam 714424

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will continue to be served on Wednesdays in March. Come and join us in the

Village Hall for delicious home made soup and bread with cake and tea or coffee to follow.

Lunches are served from 12 noon. All welcome.



Mothering Sunday Service

Please join us for our Mothering Sunday Come and Praise Service on Sunday 11th March starting at 11.00am. Flowers will be given to all mothers. Coffee and simnel cake will be served after the service. There will be no breakfast served before this service. All welcome.



Palm Sunday Service

Our Palm Sunday service will start as usual with a Procession of Palms around the village.

We will meet at the bottom of Willow Road at 10.15am. You are welcome to join us at any point along the way, or at St James' for the start of the service at 11.00am where palm crosses will be distributed.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross service is held on the Monday of Holy Week, 26th March at 8.00pm.

It is a short reflective service of readings and prayer. All welcome.



Maundy Thursday Service

Our Mandy Thursday Service is a very special service when we strip the altar of its cloths to reveal the bare wood underneath. The altar will remain like this until Easter. Please join us at 6.30pm as we look forward to Easter. All welcome.

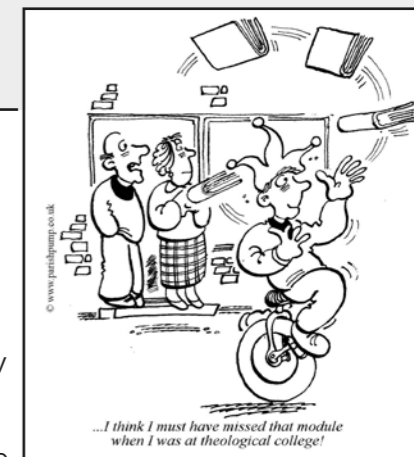


Easter Lilies

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.

Please note that the deadline is Friday 23rd March, so that the lilies can be ordered in good time for Easter.



Lighting the Church Tower

The Church was lit to remember the following occasions.

On the 30th November to remember Sue Brazier's Father

Friday 5th January to commemorate Toby Terkelson Birthday

To remember Mrs. Blane on the 11th January and Mr. Blane

On the 29th January to remember Roger Sirett and on the 31st January in memory of Gillian Sirett

On the 2nd February in memory of Margaret Ridgeway
Ian Lamberton



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Focus Distributors Required

Can anyone assist with Focus deliveries? We need distributors to cover the Nash Road and the top of Spring Lane areas of the village. Please contact June Margerrison on 714554 if you are able to help.

Great Horwood Village Hall

In January we held our AGM and the same officers agreed to carry on for another year with the exception of Vicki our Secretary who has now moved from the village. Margaret Michalski has agreed to replace her. Many thanks Margaret. Ian Lamberton is chairman, Rosemary Birch treasurer and Gill Wood booking clerk.



Just to remind hirers of the hall, village rates are discounted. It costs approx. £300 per month to run the hall this is just the basic costs insurance, cleaning, heating, electricity, water and testing where required.

So please keep using the hall.

We do hire out our tables and chairs and we also have a small library where you can borrow books and jigsaw puzzles. If you want to take advantage of the library the hall is open on a Wednesday and Friday morning.

To book hall contact Gill on 01296 712165.

Gill Wood

Calling all knitters

Whilst chatting at our meetings of the Art and Craft Group, we thought it would be nice to 'bomb' the village with handmade poppies in November for the WW1 Commemorations.



These could be knitted, crocheted or made of any waterproof material to be attached to walls, fences and hedges.

If you feel you could help or donate red wool etc. please give me a call on 715331 or call in to our meetings, every Friday, 9am 'til noon

Liz Nicholls

Mad March Hare 5k Run - Sunday 25th March at 12 noon



The time is fast approaching for this year's annual 5k run out and back along Pilch Lane. For those of you who have taken part in the past you will know that it is a great community event with a fantastic atmosphere. It is a run for all ages and abilities, so why not have a go! An entry form is in this month's focus. This year we are being sponsored by Red Eye events who specialise in F1 events, with the British GP being their main event, so thank you very much to them. As always, we need Marshalls and helpers on the day. It is not too onerous a job and involves being around from 11am until around 1pm on the date of the run. If you think you are interested in helping, please call Sheila Landymore on 01296 711627.

Pilch Lane Pool and a dog owner's duty:



To all dog owners from a fellow dog owner/ resident of the village for 10 years. There has been a recent increase in dog faeces being left in the grass verges along Pilch Lane and it is your duty to others wishing to enjoy a stroll down Pilch Lane to pick up your dog's poo,

The process of responsibly toileting one's dog involves the following steps: -

1. Dog carries out the necessary.
2. Dog owner picks up his/her dog deposit(s) with poo bag and seals the bag (knot).
3. Dog owner retains possession of the poo bag and contents during walk.
4. Dog owner deposits poo bag in the dog poo bin specifically provided for the purpose of collection, situated at the Gt Horwood end of Pilch Lane.

Tim Helsdon

WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY



There is still room at our weekly painting group at the Bowls Club Winslow on a Thursday between 10am until 1.00pm for a few more members. Those attending pay for a series of weeks and have the opportunity of working in their own choice of medium and subject, knowing that if help or advice is required, it is available from other members of the group. This is a sociable and supportive group.

For the celebration of our 25th Anniversary in March, we plan to add a sociable gathering to our March demonstration on the evening of March 29th from Eileen Gasgoigne, a locally based watercolour landscape artist. We are collecting memorabilia and photos which may still be around from the early days, in order to mount a display for our next Exhibition which is scheduled for the Winslow Public Hall on the weekend of May19th / 20th.

If any Focus readers can help with photos and recollections of early days of WADAS, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Your society contact are Treasurer Jackie Chambers (01296) 713607 or Chairman Peter Weatherill (01908 675146)

Welcome

We welcome Liz Upton and her three daughters to their new home in Spring Lane, we trust she will enjoy living in Great Horwood.

Free to good homes:

I have split my House Plants and now have 5 CLIVIA and one BILLBERIA BROMELIAD. They both have strappy type shiny leaves and very pretty pink flowers when they bloom - FREE TO GOOD HOMES!



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Saturday	9:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday	CLOSED

Great Horwood School Parent Teacher Association



The Christmas Bazaar was a fabulous event this year, thank you for coming; I know Mrs Shaw had a great time chatting to a number of older villagers to find out what the school was like in the past! Father Christmas was very busy in his grotto and I was especially impressed by the standard of the Junior Bake off cakes (with thanks to the WI for judging!).

I'd like to say a massive thank you to all of the donations for the raffle (especially to The Crown, The Old Thatched Inn and Jason Barfoot for their generous prizes); I hope you were lucky!

We made over £1,200, which is going towards the school's fund for an outdoor classroom in the conservation area. We are attempting to raise £15,000 this year to build this classroom, which will have seating for 30 children, a storytelling chair and a whiteboard. We are really excited about the classroom as there are so many benefits that come from outdoor learning because:

- Outdoor spaces are less intimidating and help children come out of their shells to be more

social and interact with different children

- Children are more willing to join in outside
- Being out in the sunshine (especially in the winter) aids the absorption of vitamin D
- Children who learn outside are happier and calmer (especially those who tend to fidget in the classroom)
- Children learn to take risks and explore

As part of our mammoth fund-raising effort we are excited to say that the school has been lucky enough to be selected as a Co-op local community cause. This means that if you become a member (it costs just £1) and select the School as your cause, you get 5% back on your shopping and the school gets 1%. The school is a selected cause until November, so this is a fabulous opportunity to help raise money for the school without changing your spending habits at all!

Debbie Huskinson (Chair)

Winslow Lions



Come and Drink for Charity!

The Lions Club of Winslow is proud to bring you the 13th Winslow Beer Festival on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March.

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It all kicks off at 7pm on Friday night at the Winslow Public Hall, Elm Fields Gate, MK18 3JA, with the first opportunity for attendees to try the variety of beers and ciders available.

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 England vs Ireland at 2.45pm. We will show the last game of the tournament Wales vs France 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).

Tickets will be available in advance from The Bell

Hotel, from the 1st March. As this event is growing in popularity we suggest you purchase your Advance Tickets early, as 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.

W.I. News



A large group of us braved the freezing cold weather to enjoy The Play That Goes Wrong at Aylesbury theatre. We followed that with an entertaining Tuesday meeting when Beautifully Different brought along a selection of jewellery bags, scarves, and clothes from their Winslow shop. They gave us an insight into how they run their business followed by an enlightening talk on fashion and a demonstration of various ways of wearing their lovely scarves and accessories.

In March Karen has arranged a visit to Kensington Palace which will include an exhibition of Diana's dresses followed by a Winnie the Pooh exhibition at the V&A.

Several of us are busy knitting poppies for this year's WW1 Battles Over celebrations as well as clothes for premature baby packs which are offered when they leave hospital.

Our next meeting on the 13th March will feature Portraiture And My studies In Florence presented by George Clark.

If you would like to come along to a meeting you would be very welcome. Please contact Angela Mayne: 715400 or our secretary Monica Gilbey: 711915.

Sally Ahern

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Buckinghamshire County Council and your local NHS organisations have jointly developed a campaign, "Be a Good Neighbour", to show people easy ways in which they can help.

Thank for your support with this important campaign and for more information please visit our website

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-adults/be-a-good-neighbour/>

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How to make a real difference by volunteering

Nearly every day we hear about our County and District Councils struggling to balance their books. A few years ago, the Parish Council chose to take care of the upkeep of Great Horwood itself, as the alternative was AVDC only doing it once or twice a year, and that's still not everything.

These devolved services include grass cutting, hedge cutting, rights of way, overgrown paths, weed killing, and general maintenance such as sign cleaning and minor repairs.

We are very lucky to have residents that help regularly with the Green, our recreation ground, the Churchyard, and a gentleman that checks all our footpaths, gates and stiles.

SPRING CLEAN SUNDAY on 18th MARCH

Please join the PC on the Green at 10.30 for litter picking and sign cleaning.

AND OR SATURDAY 17TH AND SUNDAY 18TH

From 11am at the Horwode Pece, where we need to put 3 new picnic benches together plus some other odd jobs.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Please help, if you can't make these dates and times maybe you could sweep the path outside your home, cut back your hedge or help a neighbour who can't do these things for themselves.

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Great Horwood History Website

I'm very sorry that it has taken so long but, at long last, the village history website is here! The website www.greathorwoodhistory.org will go live at the beginning of March.

The website is funded by the money from sales of the book, Great Horwood Past & Present, and it includes most of the content that was published in the book. It will also have material that we couldn't fit into the book. We plan to continue to add new stories and photos and we'd like everyone to be able share their memories of Great Horwood and Singleborough. Once the website is live, you'll be able to email your memories using the contact page but you are very welcome to drop written memories or photos round to me at 2 The Close (including your contact details so that I can return photos) or email me at claremartin71@btinternet.com.

We'd like to include a forum on the website so that everyone can share their memories easily but we need more volunteers to help moderate it before we can do that. Unfortunately most members of the Great Horwood Book Planning Committee are unable to help with the website because of other commitments but this would be a great opportunity for other volunteers to get involved. If you would like to help moderate the website, interview villagers who'd prefer to share their memories verbally or help in any other way, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Please also get in touch if you'd like to write an article for the website. We'd welcome further information or personal memories about any of the subjects already included in the website and we'd be thrilled to receive articles about things we haven't covered yet. Perhaps you have researched the history of your house; maybe research into your family tree has brought you to Great Horwood. We'd be delighted if you would allow us to share your discoveries on the website. Thank you.

Clare Martin



Are you a good neighbour?



If you would like to help out, there are some easy things you could do...

- Say Hello
 - Don't forget to ask
 - Have they got their medicine?
 - Are they able to get essentials?
 - Know the signs
- If you are concerned about your neighbour, call 01296 383204

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2018 – 2019 PRECEPT – COUNCIL TAX

Great Horwood Parish Council has agreed a precept of £28,590 for the 2018 – 2019 financial year and the precept is, therefore, unchanged from 2017 - 2018. You might like to know that central government have stopped all grants to local authorities and Parish spending is now completely funded by residents.



LAND SOUTH OF LITTLE HORWOOD ROAD

In correspondence with another local council, Cllr John Gilbey received the following endorsement of dealings with Croudace, the developer responsible for the future Land South of Little Horwood Road development.



“After initial disapproval and dissent towards the development (45 houses), the company and contractors have operated to a high standard and been more than obliging over residential and transport problems that have arisen. The architecture and building practices that have been carried out, are to a pleasing conclusion, I think it will end up being one of the most sought-after sites in the village.”

Additionally, a recent meeting with the developers confirmed that 10 of the 30 houses being built on this site will be affordable. Domestic heating will be fuelled by propane gas and each property will have an external electric socket to facilitate electric car charging. Properties should be available from early 2020.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION



The Parish Council is currently preparing for GDPR – the long and complex General Data Protection Regulation. This is EU legislation that is not going to go away after Brexit. To make matters complicated, the British Government is “augmenting” GDPR with a Data Protection bill, which by 25th May 2018 will be an Act! Unless the Government see sense and take into account representations from Local Council bodies, this will mean having to appoint a Data Protection Officer, increasing costs for PCs. The Parish Council will be receiving guidance from district authorities but in the interim, preparation includes training and looking at the advice offered by the Information Commissioners Office.

Put very simply, there are two main categories of data

1. Personal Data

GHPC does not process a great deal of personal data and, sensibly, will be allowed by the legislation to keep names and addresses of those with whom we have a contract – e.g. for grass cutting, allotments etc. without asking for permission.

2. Sensitive Personal Data

This includes race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, trade union membership, biometrics and health data, but are things GHPC is highly unlikely to be involved with.

I think the main changes residents will see are data protection notices at the end of GHPC emails and requests for permission to pass any personal details to the appropriate authority in order to complete a task requested of us. However, I await developments.

Van Theft

There has recently been a theft of tools from a vehicle in Spring Lane which is obviously devastating for the tradesman
March 2018

involved. Additionally, an attempt was made to break into a garage holding tools and equipment. A silver transit van was noted behaving suspiciously in the area. Please advise your neighbours about this problem, especially if they store tools at home.

NEW HOMES BONUS

The following information may be of interest to any organisation looking for small grants.



New Home Bonus Project Grant round for 2018/19 now open to applications!

The next round of NHB grant funding for 2018/19 is now open to applications from parish and town councils, and will close on **Friday 27th July 2018**.

If your parish has a capital project that is needed because of growth or the *impact* of growth in a surrounding area, it may be eligible for a grant from the New Homes Bonus project grant scheme. An online Expression of Interest **MUST** be completed in the first instance.

New Homes Bonus Micro Grants of up to £1,000 are also available. These easily accessible grants are assessed on a monthly basis and are open to voluntary and community sector organisations as well as parish and town councils. Please note that micro grants do not require an expression of interest to be completed.

For further information on both schemes and to complete and EOI, please visit the AVDC website at: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/newhomesbonus

PARKING: PLEASE KEEP GREAT HORWOOD A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL.

No – I am not going to stop until such times as we see progress! Please spread the word – nicely. The Parish Council asks that residents using the public pavement for parking allow plenty of room for its primary user – **the pedestrian**. I will re-re-re-mention that white lines on village roads are there for a reason and parking on them is inconsiderate to other road users. Common sense and consideration are needed to keep everyone safe. Thank you.



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

SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE

Progress with attracting volunteers for speed watch.

Total new volunteers since February - 0

Please help by volunteering for the Speed Watch team. **We STILL need lots of volunteers**, especially if you are available during the morning and evening rush hour or at weekends. If you can help, please call Jane Holland on 01296 715704 or email jhghpc@icloud.com. It only takes an occasional hour and the kit is simple to assemble and use.



**A message from Aylesbury Vale District Council
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- AVDC spends **£350,000** each year picking up dropped litter from around the Vale.
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- **33%** of all litter is fast food.



- **70%** of all rubbish comes from food packaging.
- **95%** of vets say they have treated animals injured by litter.
- It costs **10p** to clean up every piece of gum from pavements.
- **122 tonnes** of cigarette butts dropped daily in the UK.
- Litter costs almost **£1 billion** a year to the UK.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

I have been asked to re-mention abandoned dog poo by a concerned resident. GHPC spends over £600.00 per year on an excellent dog poo bin emptying service. The service is there so we ask the small minority of inconsiderate owners to follow the example of the majority and use it. Eventually someone will suggest that all dogs are DNA tested.



NB – PLEASE make an effort to keep Pilch Lane clear of Poo for the Fun Run on 25th March

THE LATEST SCANDI TREND

Seen recently in the Daily Telegraph” - *“Rubbish at keeping fit? Try plogging”*



“the latest Scandi trend to hit Britain is the somewhat less snugly sounding ‘plogging’. Forget cosy jumpers and roaring fireplaces – the lifestyle must – do ‘du jour’ involves getting your trainers on and going for a run, while scouring the local park for detritus that you can then dispose of at your leisure. Keen ploggers – people who combine picking up rubbish with jogging, in case you were wondering – have been posting their exploits on social media, sharing images of themselves with full to the brim refuse bags at the end of the run.

We have a long way to go to catch up with Sweden (apparently

GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

At the band rehearsal on Wednesday 24th January our President Michael Brocklehurst presented a cheque for £700 to Jeremy Mulkern from Medical Detection Dogs which was the money raised at the Len Goodwin Memorial Concert.

Jeremy was accompanied by Presley a beautiful Medical Alert Dog currently undergoing training to help an eventual owner. Michaels wife Lesley Brocklehurst and Lens daughter Elizabeth Chequers also attended.

Rehearsals are going well for the Bands Annual Concert in the Buckingham Community Centre on **Saturday March 10th. 7.30 pm**. Entry on the door £7 and £5 concessions. A raffle will be held and refreshments will be available.

We are already receiving many requests for the band to play at events during the summer. We have received firm bookings for Aston Abbots Fete, Great Horwood Fete, The fete at Lord Wakes estate at Courteenhall in Northamptonshire and the North Bucks Young Farmers Show in Singleborough.

100 Club winners for January were: Keith Mould £12 Diane Cook £8

We are still recruiting new members of all ages for the band and training band. If you would like to learn to play a brass instrument or indeed already play please contact Beryl on 01908 510809 . You can visit our website to get the latest news and photos on www.greathorwoodband.com

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1% of their waste goes into landfill whereas Britain’s average is 23%) but is this a chance for Great Horwood to get ahead of the game? You don’t even need to jog – just go out for a walk with a plastic bag then publicise your efforts on social media. No mention is made of “Elf and Safety” so I would have to add take your plastic gloves, litter picker, hi viz jacket as I am writing on behalf of the Parish Council. Keep fit and stay safe whilst making our environment a better place! The Parish Clerk can help with all your requisites.

A litter pick is being arranged by Jane Holland for March but wouldn’t it be lovely if there was nothing to pick up! Age should not be a factor because I have just seen a book called *“Sod Sitting, Get Moving!: Getting Active in Your 60s, 70s and Beyond”*. That definitely made me smile! Now where did I put the gloves, jackets, bags?

GREEN JOANNA

A Green Joanna may just look like any other compost bin but since receiving one as a Christmas present from my sister-in-law I have hardly had to use my food waste bin. This bin takes all food waste including meat, cheese, dog food etc. and it makes very good compost too! My husband has been putting it on the vegetables for three years now and we are still here.



My sister-in-law got hers through a local council promotion. I will need to buy a second one and they are not cheap. So far, Amazon looks the cheapest at £97.00. Perhaps I should make a suggestion to AVDC or speak to my sister in law!

Mandy Cliffe

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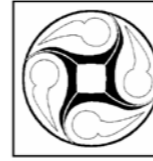
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Great Horwood
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Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting - Monday 12 February 2018

If we look beyond our parish boundaries, it seems that there are many things which are likely to have a significant impact on parishes in North Buckinghamshire. However, at present they all appear to be moving very, very slowly, if at all. The Local Plan (VALP) is due to be sent to Government by the end of this month. The proposals for local government reorganisation appear to be lost in the machinery at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (formerly known as the Department for Communities and Local Government). Proposals for East West Rail are evolving with a further round of public consultation have been completed recently, and studies are continuing to inform decisions about the route of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway.

In the midst of this ongoing uncertainty, the Parish Council continues to deal with planning, footpaths and traffic issues but also tries to take a wider perspective. At the recent meeting our County Councillor, John Chilver, was asked about the fact that Buckinghamshire Children's Services had again failed an Ofsted Inspection. He conveyed a response from the Director of Children's Services that the council is determined to improve its children's services and accepts the findings of this inspection. Whilst the overall judgement remains inadequate, the report does acknowledge improvements since 2014. This includes the judgement of our adoption service as Good. An action plan was produced during the inspection to address issues raised by the inspectors. Ofsted were confident in both elected members and senior leaders of the council to prioritise children's services. We will work very hard with our staff to implement the recommendations made by Ofsted so that children and young people receive a better service. This in turn should improve the outcome of the next inspection.' Councillor Chilver also brought the meeting up-to-date on the County Council's Budget, noting that this will be the first year that there is no government funding available to the County any more. District Councillor, Sir Beville Stanier, who is the AVDC Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, told the meeting about AVDC's new fleet of refuse vehicles which offer enhanced performance, improved fuel economy and greater safety, compared to the leased vehicles they are replacing.

For a more comprehensive report of the recent 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 12 March 2018 in the Village Hall.

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To become a Befriending volunteer, no experience is needed and full training is given along with regular support meetings.

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ALL are welcome to come on the Community Bus -we pick up near to your home and carry your shopping for you if you're good!

Tuesday 6th March	- Buckingham Bus* - 1 hour in town 1 hour in Tesco
Thursday 8th March	- Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc
Thursday 15th March	- Local lunch at The Crown Great Horwood £3.50 travel
Tuesday 20th March	- Visit Frosts Garden Centre - (OAP lunch only £7.95 for 2 courses!) £5.00
Thursday 22nd March	- Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc
Monday 26th March	- Asda and MK1 Shopping. £4.00
Thursday 29th March	- Visit RAF Museum Hendon -world renowned collection of over 100 aircraft, wartime memorabilia, uniforms and other artefacts. £10.00
Tuesday 3rd April	- Buckingham Bus* - 1 hour in town 1 hour in Tesco
Tuesday 10th April	- Visit Thame, market and town shopping. £5.00
Thursday 12th April	- Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc
Monday 16th April	- Asda and MK1 Shopping. £4.00.
Tuesday 17th April	- Buckingham Garden Centre - free tea or coffee on arrival, 10% off lunch. £3.50 travel.
Thurs 19th April	- Local lunch at The Black Boy Oving. 2 courses plus tea or coffee £20.00 or choose from main menu. £4.00 travel.
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Tuesday 20th March -Oscar Wilde Season Live: **Lady Windermere's Fan**

A new production of Oscar Wildes social comedy, Lady Windermere's Fan, staged at the Vaudeville Theatre in London's West End.

Thurs 22 March - **Julius Caesar** -Shakespeare's famous Roman tragedy broadcast live from The Bridge Theatre in London.

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Wed 4th April - ROH **Macbeth** Verdi's opera inspired by Shakespeare's tragedy is conducted by Antonio Pappano, with a magnificent cast including Anna Netrebko, Željko Lučić and Ildebrando D'Arcangelo.

Wed 11th April -RSC 's **Macbeth** Stratford-upon-Avon - contemporary production of Shakespeare's darkest psychological thriller marks both Christopher Eccleston's RSC debut and the return of Niamh Cusack.

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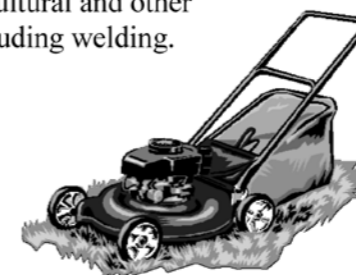
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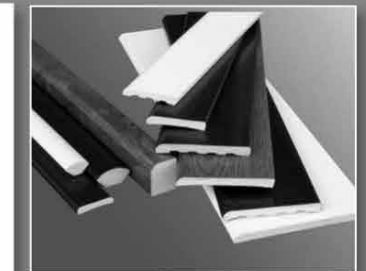
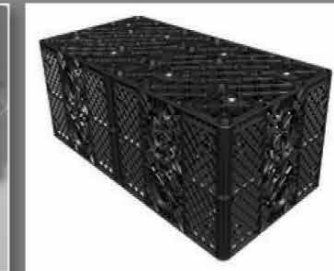
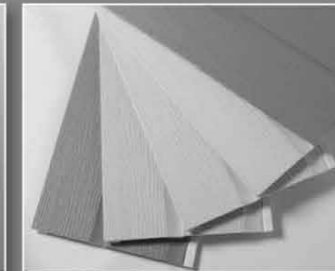
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