

As we say goodbye to winter March promises to be a very busy month - there is exciting news of the Swan in the Parish Pump Section, we have the annual Mad March Hare Run (see back page), the Winslow Beer Festival and a Village Quiz (see centre pages) to look forward to at the end of the month. We are also launching a new Great Horwood in history section by Clare Martin (see below) so lots to read about this month and remember if you have any comments/ contributions do send them into editor@ghfocus.com

Great Horwood In History



Alfred Rich (1869-1946): 'A Beloved Headmaster'

By Clare Martin

Alfred Rich was the longest-serving Headteacher of Great Horwood School and a member or supporter of most clubs and events in the village throughout the time he lived here.

Alfred was born in Batheaston, Somerset in 1869 - the eldest child of John Rich, a milkman, and his wife, Mary. Alfred attended Batheaston Parish School and then Bath School of Art and Science. After qualifying as a teacher, he taught at The Central School, Wimbledon. Alfred was appointed Schoolmaster of Great Horwood National School in September 1892, following Edward Wood's retirement. That Christmas, Alfred married Caroline Noble, an assistant teacher from Exwick, Devon. She started work at Great Horwood School five days later.

Living in the Schoolmaster's house (The Old Rectory), Alfred and Caroline raised three daughters, Florence, Constance and Gladys. Tragically, Constance died of a seizure when she was 12 and is buried in St. James churchyard.

Being artistic and musical, Alfred instilled a love of art, music, drama, literature and architecture in many of his pupils. He took every opportunity to introduce them to new experiences, such as a train ride to the seaside or a trip to see a visiting animal circus.

Alfred painted beautiful scenery for school plays and other dramatic productions, and he wrote or performed in several. The Richs were committed churchgoers. Alfred was a sidesman, chorister and choirmaster at St James Church and the gold-lettered list of Rectors on the oak board inside St James was his work.

Alfred played a key role in organising special celebrations, serving on the planning committees of several coronation, jubilee and other celebrations as well as fundraisers for various causes, including the building of the village hall.

During the First World War, Alfred Rich had the schoolchildren growing potatoes to help the war effort. He served for a time as a sergeant with the Home Volunteer Force on the coast.

Alfred Rich served as Headmaster and Caroline as schoolmistress for 35½ years. They retired in April 1928 and moved to Potters Bar, where they named their new house, 'Horwood'. They visited many times and Alfred, a keen member of the village sick benefit society, returned every year for the club's Feast Day.

Alfred Rich passed away on 19th October 1946, aged 77, and Caroline died on 10th February 1959, aged 93.

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31st Mar	11.00am	Come and Share

Church Key – Zahra Hanson - tel 713406

Ash Wednesday Service

The Ash Wednesday Service will take place this year on Wednesday 6th March at St Mary's Church, Addington 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 13th March and will continue until Wednesday 17th April. Come and join us in the Village Hall for delicious homemade 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 Share Service on Sunday 31st March starting at 11.00am. Flowers will be given to all Mothers. Coffee and Simnel cake will be served after the service. All welcome.

Water Aid Lent Appeal: Jars of Change

St James' Church is participating in the Lent Appeal 2019 for Water Aid and would like to open this initiative up to the wider village community. Lent is a time when we might give up small luxuries in life. But imagine if you had to give up more important things like education or employment because you do not have clean water close to home and have to walk miles to fetch it every day. The idea is simply this: you take an empty jar, give up something for Lent, maybe a bar of chocolate or cup of coffee and donate the money you save by placing it in the jar. Bring the jar to St James' on Easter Day, where the jars will be blessed, and the contents sent collectively to Water Aid. All donations welcome.

Lighting the Tower

The Tower was lit on the 27th January to remember George Walker's recent passing and on the 2nd February to remember Margaret Ridgeway. Rev Andrew Lightbown e-mail alightbown@hotmail.co.uk phone 01296 712564 www.winslowbenefice.org.uk

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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 £3 per lily or £7.50 for three lilies. We hope you will be understanding about this small increase in price as the cost has been the same for nearly twenty years. If you would like to purchase the lilies, 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. Thank you.

Village Hall News

Phase 1 of the upgrade has now been finished. We have a brand new roof, 3 new windows and the guttering has been replaced. By the time you read this the little shed attached to the outside shed store should have been demolished.

Phase 2 is building of a disabled ramp and new front doors.

While this work is taking place the hall is still open and new bookings are being taken.

The village hall is looking for a relief cleaner to cover holiday and sickness leave.

2 wooden benches that fold down into picnic tables and bench seats want rehoming.

More information contact Gill Wood on 01296 712165

Keep Britain Tidy

The Keep Britain Tidy campaign is underway so please help Great Horwood look loved, unlike so many of the roads around us.

Join us on The Green, Sunday 17th March at 11am.

To keep us all safe there will need to be a list of who is where, also Hi Viz jackets, Litter Picks, Gloves and of course bin bags will be available, unless you have your own.

Please keep on the paths, do not pick up any broken glass or anything heavy, just report it back to us.

If you don't want to be a Litter Hero, consider just stepping outside your door cutting back any overhanging greenery or sweep the footpath.

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The children in Acorns and Conkers Class have been thoroughly enjoying themselves over these chilly winter months. Our children are robust little characters who know how to keep themselves warm, even when the thermometer reads -3*C. This is what we observed one very cold February morning:

When the children had finished zipping up their coats, pulling on their hats, scarves and gloves they excitedly ran outside to explore what effect the weather had had on their outdoor learning environment. Some were found squealing with excitement, having found a puddle that had frozen over, readying themselves to slide along in whatever manner they felt brave enough to try. Others had already found some tools to break the ice that had formed in the water trays overnight. One little boy came running over, holding between his gloved hands the largest piece of ice he could carry. He continued to hold it up, looking through it like a magnifying glass, amazed at how it glistened in the sun shine, then he smashed it on the ground with great force. Some children came running over to investigate what had happened and enthusiastically started jumping up and down, crushing the ice beneath their feet. Over in the shaded corner, two girls had decided to set up an experiment. They had found a few containers, poured water into them and asked if we could leave them alone as they planned to return to them later to check if ice had formed. A number of our toys had become stuck in the ice and so a few determined little children started trying to melt the ice around them. They persevered for a long time and were extremely proud of themselves when eventually their toys came away. All in all, we had a fantastic time making the most of the dramatic weather here in our EYFS/Yr1 outdoor learning space...and then to our delight, the snow arrived!

We are always looking to develop our outdoor resources, using real materials to build and play with. If any of you have any of the following, then we would be very grateful for any donations:

Tyres, wooden planks, wooden poles, crates, large cardboard boxes, tarpaulins, large cardboard tubes.

Thank you, from Acorns and Conkers Class.

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The Great Horwood Silver Band

Regrettably due to circumstances beyond our control the band has had to cancel the annual concert which was scheduled to take place on 2nd March in Buckingham. We offer our sincere apologies to all our friends who were looking forward to this performance. We hope to re-arrange the concert later in the year.

The bands Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March in Great Horwood Village Hall 7.30pm.

We have just welcomed two new learners into the band and we look forward to receiving other applicants.

You can read our news including our forthcoming engagements on the band website at www. greathorwoodband.com



Come and Drink for Charity!

The Lions Club of Winslow is proud to bring you the 14th Winslow Beer Festival on Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March.

This will be the fourteenth Beer Festival that the Lions Club of Winslow has organised, and we are proud to say that to date the Festivals have raised over £115,000, all of which has been used to fund many projects for the benefit of the communities in Winslow, the surrounding area and beyond.

This has been possible due to the support we get for the event from the people who come along year after year to enjoy the great beers on offer, but the Festival's success is underpinned by the help and generosity received from our Sponsors.

We are hoping that this year's Festival will be just as successful as the others, and to that end, I would like to invite you to be a Sponsor of the event so that we can continue to support the ever-increasing needs of the local community through 2019.

A brochure that outlines the Sponsorship Packages can be downloaded at http://www.winslowlions.org.uk/beerfestival.html

The format for the 2019 Festival will be similar to previous years with an evening session on Friday, and afternoon and evening sessions on Saturday. We hope to continue to screen the Six Nations Rugby Matches on Saturday afternoon as this has proven to be very popular!

We will also continue to hold an exclusive session for our Sponsors and Guests at 6.00pm on the Friday evening before the official Festival opening at 7:00pm. This special session gives time to enjoy the festival beers in a relaxed environment before the crowds arrive, and it gives us the chance to personally thank our biggest supporters – our Sponsors!

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number of projects.

The operative word though is 'Timber' so we've been looking at ways to extend what we can do using different materials. We are lucky to have a wide range of experience and expertise in our membership and this includes Ali, our resident potter. Ali has set up a ceramics area for handbuilding in clay and we have installed a small but modern kiln in the main workshop area for firing projects into works of ceramic art. We have also looked at metalworking. Through generous donations we can weld steel using MIG and MMA equipment and have recently acquired a fullytooled centre lathe. So far it has mainly been using for odd fettling and mending jobs but there's no reason why it wouldn't easily cope with (say) model engineering work if a member fancied it.

Of course, having the tools is one thing but knowing what they'll do and how to use them is equally important. To this end, we've teamed up with Active Bucks to deliver a

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Members who want to get involved with practical making and mending projects will find Winslow Shed well equipped to meet most needs these days. In the relatively short time, our Shed has been in existence, we have been able to invest in tools and machinery to make light work of converting timber and shaping and jointing it for any series of one-hour sessions each of which will teach the basics of the machine or process and how to use it safely. In most cases, one hour won't be enough to be 'qualified' but it will be enough to satisfy curiosity or get you started on mastering the art with some supervised practice. We're still working on the details and will soon be publishing a programme to start in the Spring. We can say that sessions will be on a weekday morning, that anyone can book in and there will be a small charge per session.

Now, what was it you fancied having a go at?

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www. MenInShedsWinslow.org.uk

Or for more info call Dave Saunders 01296 714164

At this month's meeting we had a lively talk from Catherine Jones about her busy and hectic life in the Army and how she began to write romantic novels. She gained a WRAC Commission when a teenager and later married a Bomb Disposal expert. Her first books were about Army life and subsequently she wrote romantic novels under the name of Kate Lace.

Our next meeting is a Paper Cutting session with Stacey Young and members will have a go too. We have a theatre trip coming up to see Dirty Dancing and an outing to the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf in Princess Risborough.

If you would like to join us for a meeting please ring Angela on 715400 or Monica on 711915 you would be very welcome.

Sally Ahern



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The 6 Nations - from teenagage rugby fan

There are very few good things about January. As you turn up your collar to the bitterly cold winter winds that sear through the depressingly gloomy skies, one might wonder what there was to look forward to that month. Those long, solemn trips into work or school, after the euphoria of the Christmas break, made all the more bleak by the the barren, frosty landscape totally devoid of any life, flora or fauna. From the weather, to the late trains, to the- quite frankly criminal- lack of snow days off, it's a month that can sap the vigour from even the most zealous workaholic. And yet, at the end of that long, dark, cold tunnel, there is a burning beacon of light. The 6 Nations.

And what a 6 Nations it's been, capturing audiences all across the British Isles, gazing in a mixture of awe, fear and excitement as the biggest, quickest and sharpest men on the continent go toe-to-toe in an epic battle full of pride, passion and compound fractures.

Despite plenty of tub-thumping passion from their side, England fans have been very cautious in their glee for once, seemingly scared that this success is somehow fragile, that if it's looked at too hard it might shatter or disappear like a mirage. Many still struggle to comprehend how a team who stumbled to a meek fifth place finish last year can suddenly cut it with the best the Northern Hemisphere has to offer and to do it with such vim and vigour. Having said that the glee is slowly and cautiously growing among the Sweet Chariot faithful, belief starting to take root in this hungry and vibrant England team who are earning respect, even from down under, with their cold blooded kicking dissections. Eddie Jones' tactical masterclass in Dublin has particularly sent shockwaves around the world, the two time All-Black beaters falling victim to England's non-stop territory game. One might even say the team made more progress into Ireland in 80 minutes than Mrs.May's cabinet has for years.

The Scots, while showing some of the jaw-dropping flair we hoped for, seem yet to hit the illustrious heights we know they're capable of. Despite the best efforts of their untouchable fly-half (Finn Russell), the injury-stricken Scots are yet to properly leave their mark on this tournament after a frustrating loss to Ireland, where basic errors consistently prevented them from getting back into the game.

Wales are still an unknown quantity this year. They're currently on a bit of a hot streak, 11 wins in a row to be precise, and it's a run that does feature some notable scalps. Australia, South Africa and several prominent Northern Hemisphere sides have all fallen by the wayside in the face of this Welsh run of form. It is the kind of run that sends stat nerds into an insatiable frenzy, scrambling around to find the number of Welsh unbeaten autumns since the dawn on time, or whether the colour of Leigh Halfpenny's scrum cap makes any difference to a game's outcome. Nevertheless this statboosted Welsh 15, while providing their countrymen with plenty of impressive sounding facts in the pub, haven't really wowed at this tournament so far, after a lucky escape against France and an uncharacteristically close and tepid encounter in Rome.

At the time of writing this article the Championship is still very much to play for, with multiple teams still backing themselves despite the wealth of talent on display. Meanwhile pundits still sit on the fence, worried to make predictions after seeing how easy it is to drop points this year (and indeed the ball). As an Englishman I feel my prediction might be slightly biased, so I'd instead like to end on a slightly different note.

This February, as every other, we come together as a village, a nation and a people for the ribbing, the rivalry, the needless eccentricity, pomp and circumstance that this tournament's rich history is steeped in so deeply. From the Calcutta Cup to the Wooden Spoon, from the face painting and the hilarious daffodil hats, we all love this competition through every hysterical moment of joy and heart-wrenching moment of agony. There truly are few sporting events that hold such a cherished place in our country's hearts as this one.

Regardless of the scores and the standings, let us come together in these ever-divisive times and just be thankful... that it's no longer January.

Give tai chi a try

A 'taster session' for anyone who would like to try this gentle but thorough form of exercise has been arranged for Saturday 16th March 2019 from 10.30 to 11.30 in Great Horwood Village Hall, to give you the opportunity to try tai chi and to find out if there is enough interest to set up a regular beginners' class locally. The session will cost £7. Great Horwood-based tai chi instructor Elaine Koster has been teaching in the area for fifteen years. Please contact her before the day if you would like to attend as places are limited: 07906 243576 or elaine@taichiforall.co.uk.

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As mentioned in February, several Great Horwood organisations benefitted from Parish Council grants. I am now in a position to give you more details of the awards:

The Combined CE School £650 for outdoor learning panels, St James Church £400 for large Fete attractions, the Scouts and Guides £500 for table ware for residential trips and Winslow and District Community Bus £900 towards a new folding step for the bus. Congratulations to all.

BATTLE'S OVER

I omitted to mention last month that the sum of £240 was raised during the Battle's Over commemoration. Four Charities benefitted from your generous donations: The Soldier's Charity, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, The Royal Naval association and the Merchant Navy Association. A further £100 was donated to the Royal British Legion on your behalf by the Parish Council. Thanks again for your wonderful support of this event.

PARISH COUNCILLOR & CLERK VACANCY

There is still a vacancy for a Great Horwood Parish Councillor. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in taking on this post. It is important that we have a full complement of councillors in order to increase diversity and to share the work load. Our two new councillors have settled in very quickly. If you are unsure whether you would like to take the post, please speak to a councillor or consider trying the post for a year.

I am sorry to be relinquishing my post as Clerk but two applications for the vacancy have been received which is good news. Interviews have been arranged.

ROADS

I am pleased to report that the repairs to the B4033 (failed road surface close to the entrance to the Greenway Industrial Estate) have been carried out without too much disruption to traffic and with three days of peace outside my house. If anyone would like to know more about roadworks in the local area the website roadworks.org will provide this information.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

I would like to thank those residents who have been parking thoughtfully on the High Street since I last wrote. Sadly, as this photo shows, not everyone is doing the same. The

Parish Council has seen worse, but this selfish driver has not left enough room for a push chair and attendant family, let alone a mobility scooter. I cannot be in all places at once so if you see this kind of parking and would



like it to be reported to the police, take a photo, note the date and time and send it to me at the email address below. Some of the worst examples of parking have been seen during the school drop off with parents parking their cars totally on the pavement. As non-residents, the only way to deal with this kind of thoughtless attitude is to report them.

The situation during school drop off and collection is as bad as ever, but it is difficult to know how to resolve it. The Parish Council has contacted the school Governors about the Walk to School Scheme but is awaiting a response. "Bucks County Council through the Local Area Forums (which in the case of Great Horwood is the Winslow and District Local Area Forum) has funding available to help schools in its area with producing WALK TO SCHOOL MAPS. The project began due to the issues caused as a result of congestion during the school run. The project supplies schools with both general and bespoke maps showing walking routes to ease congestion around schools and help with parking issues. The scheme also used an accreditation scheme for recognition to increase engagement from schools."

Sadly, there has been no response to our plea for a School Crossing Patrol Officer.

SPEEDING

The new MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign) site on Nash Rd is up and running. Many thanks to Mick Wood for his help in making this possible. Some initial teething difficulties meant that traffic travelling at 40 mph and less was flashed but this has been rectified. We hope to have more Sentinel speed camera sessions soon, including along Nash Road. At the risk of sounding like a broken record we still require more Speed Watch volunteers. If you are concerned about speeding drivers in our village, please volunteer and speak to Jane Holland.

LAND SOUTH OF LITTLE HORWOOD ROAD

Work has started on the site known as Land South of Little Horwood. The next few months will see preparations for building works including basics like drainage, site offices and pavements. It will be quite some time before any foundations are dug. The Site Manager, Mr Richard Veitch, will be attending the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th March (7.30 pm in the village hall) to answer any questions residents might have about the site and building works. Do please come along if you would like to know more.

PLANNING

Thanks to everyone who attended the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 31st January. The meeting was called to consider the planning applications for The Crown pub. Residents were asked to give their views and the discussion lasted 90 minutes. The meeting ended with the majority of residents opposing the applications and this will be reflected in the Parish Council's responses. Consideration of whether to apply to register the Crown and the Swan as assets of Community value was postponed. At the time of writing 34 objections have been published on the AVDC planning website from both Great and Little Horwood.



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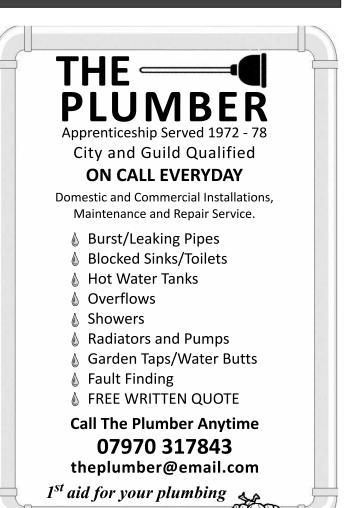


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THE SWAN INN

The closure of both pubs in Great Horwood has been a sad time for both Great and Little Horwood villages. The good news is that by the time you read this, The Swan should be open for drinks as a Free House (no that does not mean free beer!) Having the restaurant up and running will take a while longer. I decided to visit the pub to find out what plans had been made for opening as so many people are looking forward to it. I was warmly welcomed by landlord and landlady Paolo and Tracy Solera and their two lovely dogs.

The planned opening date is 1st March; however, the couple must be forgiven if this has to stretch by a few days as there is an unbelievable amount of work to be done. Everything in the pub requires renewing or renovating, from boiler, toilets, kitchen (the pub was sold with the kitchen as a shell), furniture and, of course, there is lots of redecoration to be done. Work has been done to the cellar. Purchasing pub accoutrements from brewery suppliers

takes time and decisions have to be made as to lay out of the pub. To be honest, the task looks daunting but with this much investment I was not surprised to hear the couple say they are in the pub for the long haul. Great news!

Paolo is also the Chef and is considering turning the back bar into the restaurant to allow more space for drinkers in the main lounge (sorry to be partisan but that gets my vote – nice atmosphere for meals). He has lots of ideas for the pub's development, but these things take time. I certainly felt that he has a listening ear for customer views. He has many years of experience in the pub trade, and over the past 5½ years, has been running the Black Bull in Launton. We wish Paolo and Tracy all the very best in their new venture and look forward to joining them for a drink (do they make no calorie wine and beer?).

Mandy Cliffe

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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 5th March - Buckingham Bus – 1 hour town, 1 hour Tesco or 2 hours Tesco! Door to door, bus pass accepted, otherwise only £4.50 return. Thursday 14th March Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book. Thurs 21st March Banbury Shopping. Large modern shopping centre right in the town by the canal, plus town centre market and smaller shops to explore £5.00 Monday 25th March - Asda Shopping MK1 - option to go to M&S Primark etc £4.00 Thursday 28th March Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book. - Buckingham Bus – 1 hour town, 1 hour Tesco or 2 hours Tesco! Door to door, bus pass accepted, otherwise Tuesday 2nd April only £4.50 return. Tuesday 9th April Visit St Albans - do your own thing - great for just shopping or visiting museum/Cathedral/Verulamium etc. £6.00 travel. - Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Thursday 11th April Ring to book. Tuesday 23rd April - Bluebell Run – Wendover Woods with lunch at the Old Swan, The Lee £6.00 Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Thursday 25th April Ring to book. Monday 29th April Asda Shopping MK1 - option to go to M&S Primark etc £4.00 Tuesday 30th April - Bluebell Run – Ashridge Woods with stop at the Greyhound Aldbury for lunch. £6.00 travel.

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The Winslow Community Bus needs more volunteer drivers.



If you are aged between 30 and 70 years of age, have a D1 on your licence, and have some spare time, please consider becoming a driver for your local community bus. You can do as much or as little as you like, from shorter local runs to some of our longer day trips. We visit all kinds of places, garden centres, stately homes, shopping centres, countryside drives as well as our regular bus services, and the people who use the bus are a very friendly crowd! We are currently in need of a regular driver for our Friday

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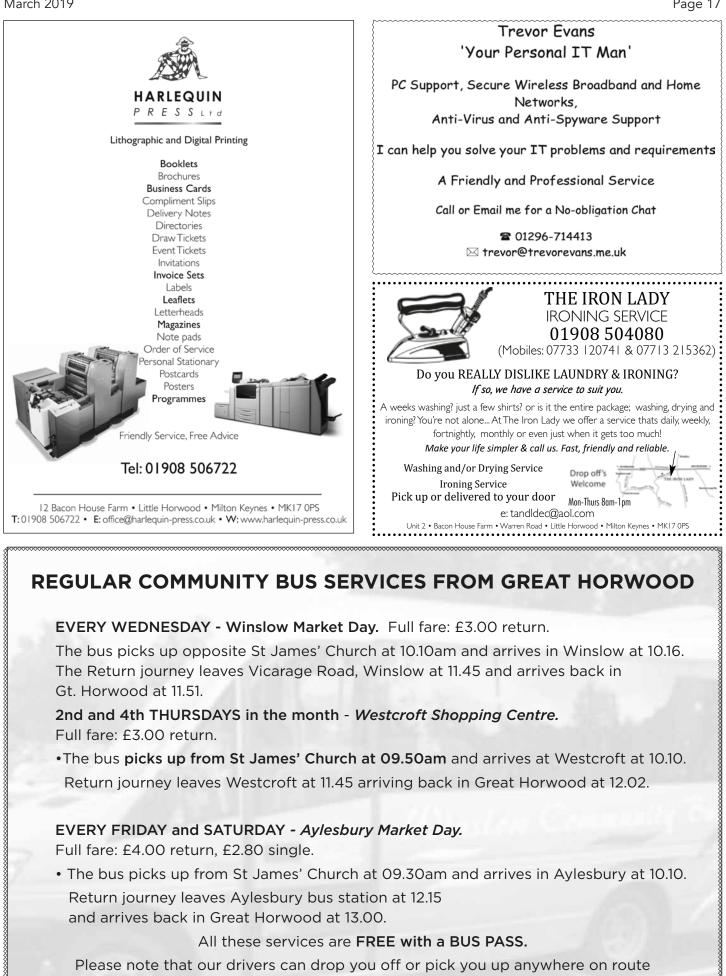
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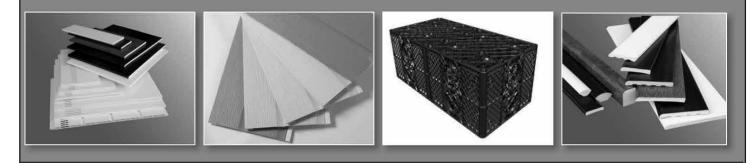
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