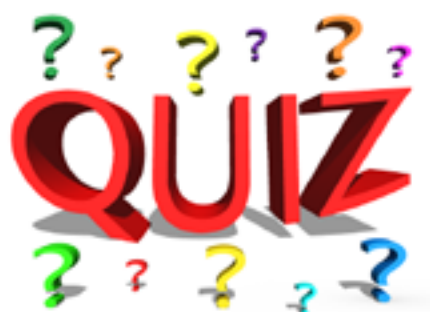


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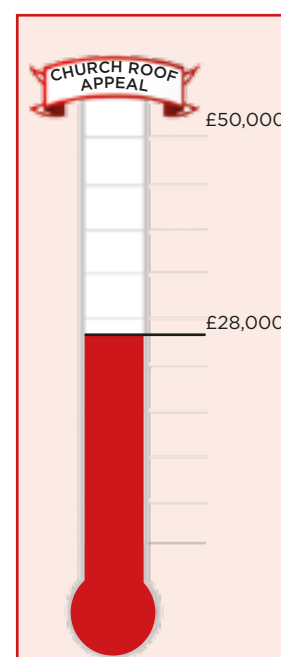
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St James' Services for March			Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
1st Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Finnemore	I Lamberton
8th Mar	11.00am	Come and Praise	P Moyles	D Brazier	Clergy
15th Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	J Brigden	S Brazier
22nd Mar	11.00am	Come and Share	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	Clergy
29th Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Finnemore	I Lamberton
5th April	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison

We welcome two visiting speakers during March to St James' – Canon Philip Tovey on 1st March and Dr Eeva John on 29th March. All welcome

On Sunday 8th March at St Laurence Church, Winslow, Ruth Dearnley CEO of Stop the Traffik will be preaching at evensong at 6pm. All welcome.

Church Key Rita Essam - 714424

LENT LUNCHES

Lent lunches will to be served during Lent on Wednesdays starting on 4th March continuing until Wednesday 8th April. 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.

EASTER LILIES

As many of you will know, St James' is decorated at Eastertide 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. 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. The deadline for purchases this year will be Friday 3rd April. Thank you.

WATER AID LENT APPEAL: JARS OF CHANGE

St James' Church will again be participating in the Lent Appeal 2020 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.

FETE & DOG SHOW 2020

Would you like to help organise, run a stall or volunteer to help at this years event. We have an open meeting on Tuesday 31st March 7.30pm in The Swan. All welcome.

David Brazier Tel: 07773 340916

GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

Just a reminder that our Annual Concert is taking place on Saturday 14th March, in Buckingham Community Centre, starting at 7.30pm, £7 entry fee. Our theme is Stage and Screen and there will be plenty of music that everybody will remember and maybe some pieces that aren't so familiar, but hopefully everyone will enjoy.

If you would like a ticket, please contact myself on the details below, or you can pay on the door on the evening.

For the future, we are holding our *Concerts on the Green* again this year, with the first one in May, so please watch out for the date which we will announce shortly.

Our 100 club is still going strong, but we still have numbers available for those who would be interested in joining. The cost of the numbers has risen slightly to 50p each number per month from the 1st January 2020 and there is a draw made every month with someone winning £15 and a second place winning £10. If you would like to join the 100 club, please contact a member of the band or myself and we will pass your request over.

Previous winners are:

November: 1st Clare Martin
2nd Emma Mainwaring
December: 1st Katy Slade
2nd Linda Watkins
3rd Pat Mould
January: 1st £15 Katie Slade
2nd £10 Ian Nutt

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For more information please contact –

Angela Mayne 01296 715400 or Monica Gilbey 01296 711915

<p>Jan 14th</p>  <p>Quiz</p>	<p>Feb 11th Parkinson's UK Katy Slade</p>  <p>Comp: Emblem Picture Quiz</p>	<p>March 10th Grendon Prison Chaplaincy</p> <p>Sylvia Nutt</p>  <p>Comp: A cross in any medium</p>	<p>April 14th Annual Dinner</p> <p>Friends welcome</p> 
<p>May 12th Gardening at Dorney & Edinburgh – Mark Nelson</p>  <p>Comp: Picture of an exotic flower</p>	<p>June 9th Making Summer Desserts Fred Leader</p>  <p>Comp: A fruity quiz</p>	<p>July 14th The Secret War in the Chilterns – Jean Yates</p>  <p>Comp: Wartime Memorabilia</p>	<p>August 11th Garden Meeting</p>  <p>An evening of light hearted fun with Boules</p>
<p>September 8th Make a pair of Earrings Corzo & Wood</p>  <p>Comp: The finished earrings</p>	<p>October 13th Bags by Jane</p>  <p>Comp: an unusual piece of fabric</p>	<p>November 10th Annual Meeting Bags, scarves & jewellery swap</p> 	<p>December 8th Chocolate Tasting!</p> 



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Mrs Paula Shaw
Headteacher

MEN IN SHEDS

Thanks to everyone who came to our AGM where, along with the usual formalities, we were able to mark four years of Shedding in Winslow. Our Chairman, Dave Saunders, reported on healthy finances, growing membership and a busy year with numerous projects completed for community benefit. Contributions from these and some successful grant applications have allowed us to invest in more robust machinery that will stand the test of time and move with us when we, eventually, have to vacate our present site. Good equipment and generous workshop space certainly means Winslow Shed is well-blessed (and possibly unique) among the 550 Men's Sheds now established in the UK. We count our blessings of course but our Chairman emphasised that - above all - Winslow Shed remains a welcoming and supportive place where friendships are made and men can find a relaxed social space to share company, share ideas and (now and then) put the world to rights! Dave's nomination of Brian Green for the Chairman's 'Shedder of the Year' Award was met with enthusiastic support. Brian makes the trip in from Newton Longville twice a week and is always ready to lend a hand, offer his expertise or take a lead when a new project comes in.

Keeping members safe is always a priority and Health and Safety regulations apply to us the same as any organisation. We've made great strides in the last year and now have our own training schedules in place. The next move is to make sure all members are 'signed-off' for any piece of equipment they may wish to use. Luckily, we have the expertise to do this in-house and we're not starting from scratch so it's more a question of formalising things without getting bogged down with paperwork - which can easily happen.

Finally, we were delighted to be asked to put together a kit of woodworking hand-tools for an orphanage project in Malawi. A suitable selection was cleaned-up, sharpened and packaged ready for Vron Corben to take on her forthcoming trip. We wish Vron every success in the venture and hope her luggage allowance holds out!

The Shed is open:

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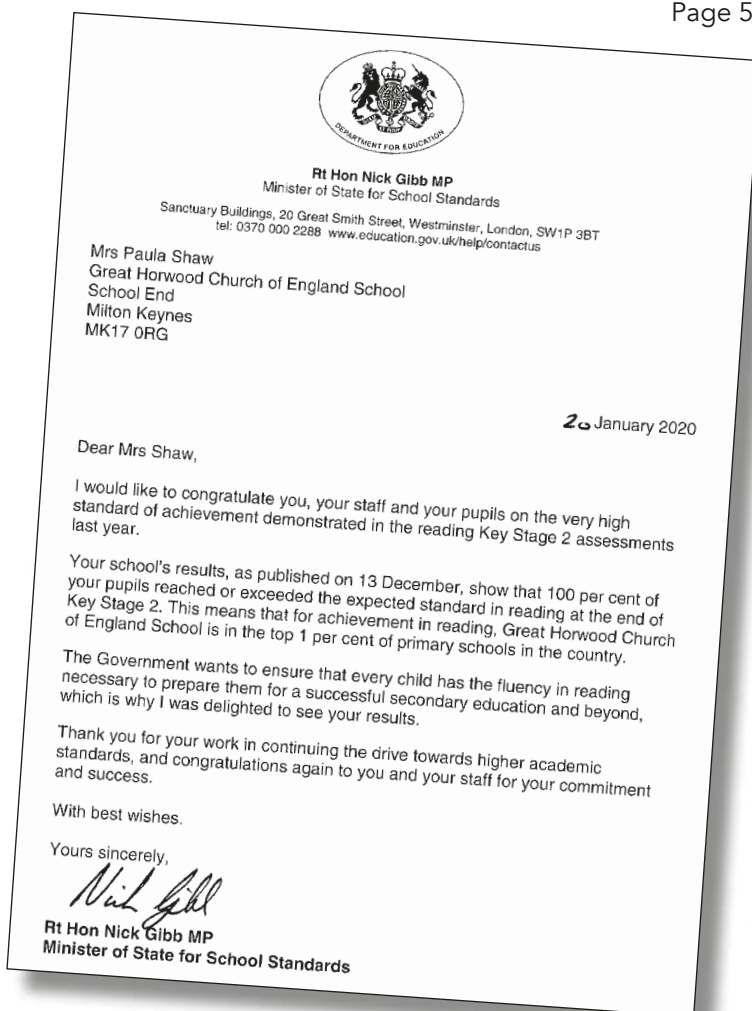
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Or for more info call Dave Saunders; 01296 714164

Deadline for next issue

15 March



WINSLOW AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS CLUB

March walks. Anyone is welcome to join us for one walk free of charge.

Saturday 7th March 10.30am Hillesden

Park and meet at church. GR685288 MK18 4DB. Walking paths and bridleways along avenue and beside Padbury Brook. Deer park, ponds and visiting the church. Could be muddy but mainly good walking. 2 stiles. Dogs on leads. 5 miles

Saturday 14th March 10.30am Linford, Milton Keynes

Meet at Black Horse pub, Wolverton Road. GR848435 MK14 5AJ. Following Grand Union Canal east to steps up to estate road, crossing main road to join bridleway in trees beside houses and lakes on Hanslope Circular Ride. A road turn left, crossing bridges over River Ouse and then taking path through trees and across horse paddocks to Hill Farm. Cross river past ruins of St Peter's Church to towpath at Stantonbury Wharf and return to pub. 6 stiles but walking on good paths. 4.2 miles

Wednesday 19th March 10.30am Little Horwood

Meet on village green by bus shelter GR792304. Park carefully to avoid entrances and NOT on grass. Walking up Wood Lane and continuing north across fields to meet minor road. Left then right to go south past Horwood Manor. Returning to village past old moat, church and pub. 6 stiles. 3 miles

Saturday 21st March 10.30am Swanbourne

Meet at Betsy Wynn pub. Parking in right hand side of their car park. Interesting walk to Mursley. 5 stiles. 4 miles.

Saturday 28th March 10.30am Claydon House, Middle Claydon

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phone Gill on 01296 712165

W.I NEWS

Katy Slade came to our February meeting to give us an informative talk about Parkinson's UK charity. Luckily lots of members braved the awful weather to get there!

Several of us are going on a day trip in early March to see the orchid festival at Kew Gardens. We will travel on the community bus.

Our next meeting in March is a talk by Sylvia Nutt on prison chaplaincy at Grendon prison.

Please don't forget to buy tickets for our Bake Off event on March 17th. We are hoping to raise lots of money for the Church Roof and the WI funds. Christine Wallace will be doing two demos on the night, plus talking about her experience on Bake Off and we will be having a raffle too. See the poster for more info.

If you would like to come along to a meeting please contact Angela Mayne on 715400 or

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Tuesday 10th March	Ely Cathedral - Gowns and Crown exhibition and tour the Cathedral. £20
Thursday 12th March	Westcroft Shopping - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book
Monday 23rd March	Asda Shopping MK1 - option to go to M&S, Primark, etc. £4.00.
Thursday 26th March	Westcroft Shopping - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book
Thursday 2nd April	The Wavendon Arms – Lunch and visit to Frosts Garden Centre
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Thursday 30th April	Bicester Avenue – Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Lakeland, Cotton Traders & more

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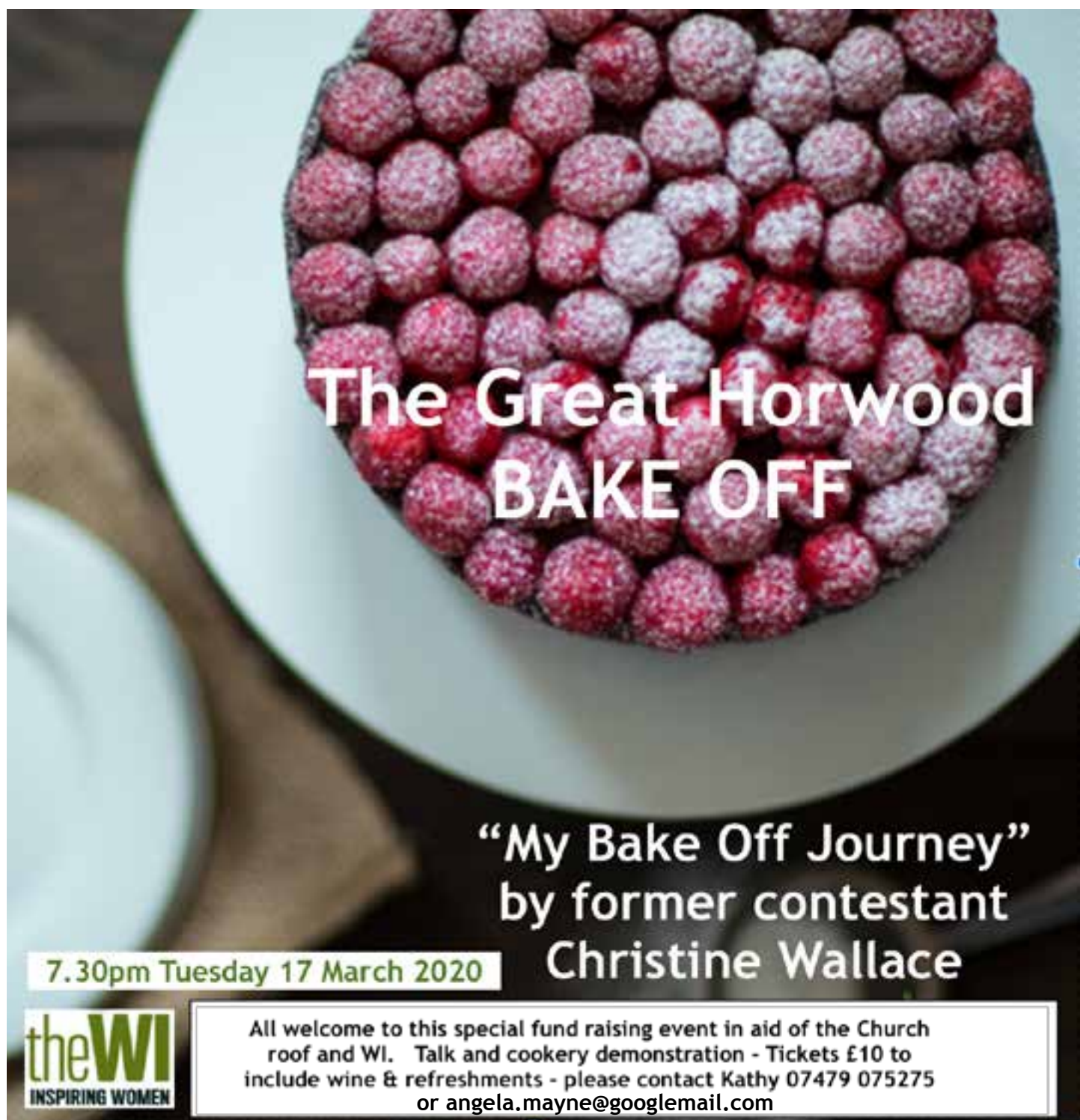
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PARISH PUMP



Great Horwood
Parish Council



On 7th May, Parish Council elections will be taking place. There are 7 Parish Councillor positions to be filled and currently 4 Councillors have confirmed they will be standing for re-election.

Councillors represent the interests of the whole community and can contribute towards a wide variety of topics. In the past five years the PC has devised a Neighbourhood Plan, commented on many planning applications, contributed to the management of Horwode Pece and the Village Hall along with many other tasks.

Parish Councillors also have opportunities to contribute to the development of District and County wide issues by attending meetings with other Councillors from different parishes and getting involved.

Parish Councillors should have access to the internet in order to study planning applications online, respond to emails and to liaise with external bodies.

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of every month except for January and August. Councillors should be keen to attend and contribute to meetings and be prepared to spend some time outside of meetings on Parish Council business.

As long as you are at least 18 years old, and either a British, Commonwealth or EU citizen on the day of nomination, you can apply providing you are on the Electoral Register as a local government elector for Great Horwood and Singleborough, or have lived within 3 miles of the Parish for the whole of the 12 months prior to nomination.

Nominations need to be with AVDC by Wednesday 8th April so if you want to help shape your community and get involved, speak to any of the current Councillors, their contact details are in Focus, or contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Brazier at clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk at the earliest opportunity.

GREAT HORWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Committee has concluded its review of the Neighbourhood Plan. The stated objectives set out in the plan that was agreed five years ago have come to fruition. 59 dwellings are in the pipeline as a direct result of the Plan, made up of 40 open market dwellings and 19 affordable dwellings that will be administered by Housing Associations. The Plan can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

POTHoles

We are all too familiar with the increasing number of potholes in our village, especially during the extremely wet weather conditions we have been experiencing lately. Transport for Bucks are busy identifying road defects helped by reports made on the FixMyStreet web page by members of the public. Repairs are prioritized with each defect being

assessed for risk and severity. In cases where multiple defects are present, Transport for Bucks will be carrying out significant patching or resurfacing of the area. However, if individual defects within these areas have reached a high risk level, they have to be repaired quickly. This is often a temporary repair until a larger more permanent repair can be undertaken, usually during dry conditions. Please continue to report potholes to www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 10th February can be found on the noticeboard in the High Street and also on the Parish Council website. The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Sue Brazier, Parish Clerk Great Horwood
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Who will be my local councillor on the new council?

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