

Great Horwood Silver Band Annual Concert

**Saturday, 4th March
Furze Down School,
Verney Road, Winslow**

**7.30pm Start
(Doors Open @ 7.00pm)**

**Entry £7.00
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Contact: Steve or Janthea 01296 712658 or email
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LOCAL WORK OPPORTUNITY!

Events Coordinator

Salary : £25K - 28K

Start: Immediate

Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 (ability to be flexible)

Location: Singleborough - MK17 ORB - office based

About Nipperbout:

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Skills Required:

- IT Skills - Microsoft Office & advanced knowledge of Excel
- Ability to use a data base confidently
- Some graphic knowledge useful (to make creative forms and timetables)
- Experience of Apple Mac an advantage
- Confident telephone manner
- Good organisational skills
- Can work under direction and on own initiative
- Ability to prioritise and stay calm under pressure
- Must be comfortable with friendly dogs and working in a home based office, car essential.

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St James' Services for March

				Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessions
5th	March	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	S Baylis	D Brazier
5th	March	7.00pm	Compline			
12th	March	11.00am	Come and Praise	P Moyles	J Brigden	J Brigden
19th	March	11.00am	Mothering Sunday	I Lamberton	I Lamberton	Clergy
26th	March	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
2nd	April	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	S Brazier	D Brazier
2nd	April	7.00pm	Compline			

Church Key: March – David Moore 713281

COMPLINE

Please join us for a short service at the end of the day called Compline – a straight forward service with an opportunity to give thanks for joys and confess our sins. A lovely moment to close the day with a service at 7pm. All welcome.

LENT LUNCHES

Lent Lunches will be served on Wednesdays during Lent starting on Wednesday 8th March. Come along and join us in the Village Hall from 12 noon for delicious home-made soup and bread with cake and tea or coffee to follow. All welcome.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Please join us for our Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 19th March starting at 11.00am. 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 will be £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. Thank you.

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MAD MARCH HARE!

SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023, 12 NOON

Spring is in the air and the date for this major fundraising event for the school PTA is fast approaching, so if you've not got round to entering yet, look no further than the back of this edition of Focus. You'll note we are now accepting online payments if you're struggling to find your cheque book. Please follow the instructions on the entry form so we connect your entry with your payment!

It's the same family-friendly, non-elite local event as in previous years raising much-needed funds for our school and you can join in the fun in whatever way you choose – run, jog, walk or stand cheering on your friends and family from the side-lines. Hot and cold refreshments will be on hand at the school for participants and spectators alike.

The course, as in previous years, is along Pilch Lane, starting and finishing at the school. The lane will be closed to traffic and instead opened up to people of all ages and the odd pushchair for the duration of the event, though four-legged friends, bikes or scooters are discouraged for safety reasons. We would encourage you to bring your own water in a suitable container whilst out on the course.

Apart from the form on the back page, you can also enter or contact us with any queries via our Facebook page, or email gh5kfunrun@outlook.com. Hope to see you there!

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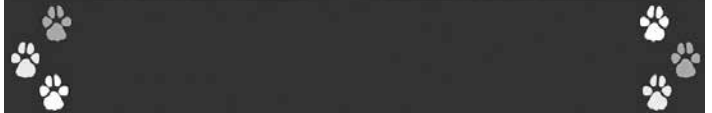
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CORONATION CELEBRATION

As part of the Coronation celebrations, an event is being organised to highlight the volunteers in our village. It will be on **Monday 8th May** at 2pm at the Cricket Club.

Great Horwood Silver Band and the Giacoso Band will entertain us during the afternoon.

The Guide and Scout groups will be there to showcase their activities, some hands-on. The Cricket and Football clubs are arranging games and the Art & Craft group will provide an activity.

Our W.I. will be serving home-made cakes and there will be tea, coffee and orange juice.

This is not a fundraising do, the only things to be paid for will be drinks from the Cricket Club bar and ice-creams. Just bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an afternoon with friends and neighbours.

If you would like to help with this community event or have a game or activity that you think would be suitable, please contact me.

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PLEASE KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR OUR VILLAGE HEDGEHOGS'

Hedgehogs hibernate during the winter, so usually from late October/November until March/April, with specific times depending on when the weather becomes cold enough.

Hedgehogs do occasionally awake from hibernation during periods of milder weather in order to forage for food. It can be dangerous for them to wake up unexpectedly though, so please make sure to be careful of any disturbance like loose pets or gardening.

When they start to appear around Springtime, this is the time when they are most hungry, and will need to be provided with lots of nutritious food and plenty of fresh water. Hedgehogs will relish any combination of meat-based wet dog or cat foods, or dry cat/kitten food, as these are high in protein that they need. Just remember, they will be getting most of their food from insects and worms in the wild, and this food is only supplementary.

You can expect to see more hedgehogs appearing in your garden in Springtime, so please make sure you prepare your garden for these very cute, spiky visitors.

For more information please check out: www.hedgehogstreet.org.

Thank you.

Caroline Wood

GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

Firstly, can I say thank you for everyone who supported us one way or another over the very busy Christmas period 2022. From the large audience who came to listen to us at our Christmas Concert (we even had to get more chairs out!), the people who came to hear us at many of the Christmas events we took part in, the amazing collectors who helped Christmas Eve and the generosity of the Village in these hard times which meant we collected our largest amount ever on our Christmas Eve round.

We now move onto events for 2023, the first of which is our Annual Concert which this year is taking place on Saturday 4th March. We have moved the location of this event and we have very kindly been offered the use of the Hall in Furze Down School, Winslow, MK18 3BL. The doors for the concert will be open at 7.00pm with the concert starting promptly at 7.30pm with our Training Band playing first, followed by the Main Band. Tickets for the event are £7 each, available on the door and can be paid for either by cash or card. Please come along and support the event, as the more money we raise, the more we can donate to support Furze Down School.

If you would like to become part of the Great Horwood Silver Band, we welcome all players of any age and ability and are able to offer tuition and instruments to help you join our merry little Band. We rehearse on a Wednesday evening in the Village Hall with the Training Band rehearsing from 6.30 – 7.00pm and the Main Band from 7.15 – 9.15pm. If you would like any further information or are interested in coming along to a rehearsal, please contact us using the details below.

Upcoming events:

Saturday 4th March – Annual Concert,

Furze Down School, Winslow, MK18 3BL – Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Wednesday 15th March – AGM, Great Horwood

Village Hall, 7.15pm start

Saturday 25th March – Concert in Mursley Church,

Mursley – 7.30pm start

Sunday 7th May – Soulbury Village Fete, Soulbury

Monday 8th May – Great Horwood

Coronation Celebration, Great Horwood Cricket Club

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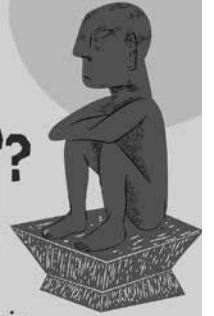
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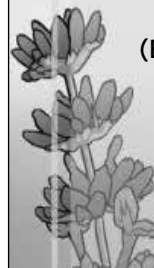
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Robin Galvin and Christiana with Poppy from the Medical Detection Dogs at the WI February meeting.

GREAT HORWOOD & SINGLEBOROUGH WI

At our Great Horwood and Singleborough WI February meeting, representatives from the Medical Detection Dogs gave a fascinating talk about how the charity began and how the dogs are trained to detect diseases such as cancer, neurological conditions, malaria and bacterial infections, often before symptoms appear. Robin Galvin and Christiana also explained the ground-breaking research that is done in Great Horwood and the success the centre has had in finding non-invasive and accurate detection for diseases such as prostate cancer. The highly trained dogs can also detect Covid a metre away and are even being used to sniff out newts in the East West Rail project. The work that would take a couple of months for a human to do can be done in hours by these dogs.

The centre also trains Medical Alert Assistance dogs to help individuals with complex health conditions. Using their amazing sense of smell, the dogs can identify minute odour changes emitted prior to an emergency and alert the person to take preventative action. For people suffering from Type 1 diabetes or Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS) it enables them to live a more independent life. For more information or to make a donation to this incredible charity go to www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk.

GH WI has organised a number of outings for members including Evenly Wood to see the snowdrops and a boat trip on the Thames near Windsor with a cream tea. On **Saturday 24th April**, we have booked Frances Carlaw, aka the pearl lady, to give a talk on **"Pearls and the Art Deco"** in the village hall. Frances is a very knowledgeable and accomplished speaker and uses vintage Art Deco buckles combined with pearls and antique beads to create necklaces and statement pieces that are stunning to wear. Tickets are £5 and you don't need to be a WI member to attend, but you will need to book in advance. Some of the jewellery made by Frances will be available to buy at around half the price of its retail value.



If you would like more information or are interested to join your local WI, please contact Ann Biggins annieqqmk@gmail.com or 07961 960802.

NOOK PARK RESIDENTIAL PARK HOME SITE

Update from nook park

We have at last seen some action from Buckinghamshire council.

Joe Burns decided in September 2022 to take away the hedges around the boundary. The one on the western Rd side belongs to a local farmer. The other two by the park. The hedges we're about 60 years old and we therefore are to believe were protected.

It's just taken until February for the council to take any action. As you can see, we are getting some response as they have issued the above direction.

The direction means the site owner cannot do anything with a boundary while this direction is in force. The direction is in force until the 31st July 2023. Representations can be made up until 10th June 2023, and then the council will decide if they confirm the order. There is an investigation ongoing with the council regarding the removal of the hedges. We wait to see!

Again, many thanks for all your support and we are delighted to see so many of Great Horwood and Singleborough taking a walk down to the site.

Liz Phillips

Nook Park Resident.

GREAT HORWOOD SCHOOL This half term Hawthorn Class have been exploring all things space!

In English, we have been studying the text 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Shetterly and have explored the interesting yet challenging lives of the four incredible, African-American women: Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden. Within this unit of work, the children have had the opportunity to write a non-chronological report about 'The Women who helped create NASA', an informal letter and a heartfelt diary entry detailing the segregation and discrimination these women faced.

In Science, our space theme has been studied through forces and the children have planned, conducted and evaluated a number of investigations. These have involved looking at water resistance on hand-crafted boats, air resistance on parachute size and friction when looking at vehicle movement.

Space playgrounds have been popping up in Hawthorn's class this half term, with the children bringing in recycling from home to use as building materials for their apparatus. The children planned, designed and have now created their own space playgrounds in small groups using string, tape, rubber bands and glue guns to secure their work.

Finally, as musicians we have been recreating the opening music for the Superman film (originally by John Williams) to create atmosphere and suspense. Working in small groups, the children composed their own short piece of music, matching it to the visuals in the opening credits.

Overall, Hawthorns have had a half term that is 'out of this world' and relished the various opportunities to showcase their practical, artistic, musical and problem-solving skills!



WHAT ARE THEY DOING ?

Members of the Art & Craft Group look engrossed as they beaver away. It's a contribution to the Coronation celebrations in the village, but all will be revealed in the next few weeks.

We meet on Friday mornings in the Village Hall at 10am and welcome anyone interested in joining us or just pop in for a tea/coffee and chat.



MEN IN SHEDS

After a cold and damp Winter it is all the more cheering to have projects emerge from the Shed that that look forward to sunshine and warmer days to come. Following her complete restoration last year, 'Pippa' has been back at the Shed for a bit of off-season TLC ready for summer duties on Caldecotte Lake with MK Sailability. Alongside this work, Dave Mallard has been leading a boat restoration for a quite different purpose. Children who went to Treehouse Pre-School might just remember there being a sailing dingy safely moored on a gravel 'beach' in the playground. A favourite spot for adventurous play but one that had very much seen better days. We collected it for repairs back in the Autumn but it was quickly apparent that there wasn't much left to repair. Using contacts at MK Sailing Club, Dave was able to locate a damaged and abandoned glass-fibre dingy and conversion work began. Next month we should be able to report on its reception when it 'sails' back to the Treehouse.

Also with Spring in mind, the allotment and environment club at Sir Thomas Freemantle School have asked us to produce a batch of nest boxes which they plan to install and monitor. Derek is on the case here and we will shortly be popping-in to see the young allotmentees with some samples for approval. We've got thirty boxes in total to make so plenty of

manpower will be needed - we might even have to cut down on tea-breaks!

If you fancy helping out (with either tea-breaks or woodwork) or fancy stopping by for a progress report the we would love to see you!



The Shed is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 - 4:00. Unit 4, Station Road Ind. Estate. www.MenInShedsWinslow.org.uk Or for more info call Dave Saunders; 01296 714164

PARISH PUMP



Great Horwood
Parish Council

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY LITTER PICK - SUNDAY 26TH MARCH, STARTING AT 11AM ON THE GREEN

Please come along to help tidy the village. Litter pickers and rubbish sacks will be provided. We will also be providing hi viz jackets but if you have your own, that would be even better. Please could you bring your own gloves; gardening gloves would be good as thorns and sharp objects tend to tear plastic gloves.



CORONATION WEEKEND SATURDAY 6TH - MONDAY 8TH MAY

During the Coronation weekend, I'm sure many of us will be glued to the TV for the actual Coronation on the Saturday and wandering up to the Cricket Club ground for the village event on the Monday.

Sunday 7th May - during part of the nationwide plans for the Sunday, it is hoped that we take part in THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH by organising our own street parties. This proved popular last year when we toasted the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. So, let's look out those spare paper plates, find the bunting we bought and do it all again!

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS DAVID TAYLOR AND ROBERT DAVIES

It is with regret that we have received the resignations of David Taylor and Robert Davies as Parish Councillors. We thank them for all their hard work and service over the years. The Parish Council will be seeking replacements as soon as possible. Look out for the article in next month's Focus/



INFORMATION SHARING GROUP

This is a good way of communicating useful information to villagers. If you would like to receive information first hand, such as PC Agendas, Minutes, Thames Valley Police info, roadworks updates and other ad hoc information, please contact me with your email address and I will add you to my list.

NOOK PARK

The Parish Council is still pursuing every avenue to get support for the residents of Nook Park from Buckinghamshire Council but with very little success so far.

FOCUS ONLINE

Did you know that there is an online edition of Focus with every copy from February 2012?

So, if you have mislaid your copy and can't find the information you need, just log onto

<https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/focus-magazine/>

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Great Horwood Facebook page, the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/

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March 2023

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Winslow Market

Service 54abc - runs every Wednesday morning

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return.

Buckingham Bus

Tuesday 7th March, Tuesday 4th April 2023

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Thursday 9th and 23rd March

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Please note this service is independent of The Film Place.

To purchase film tickets and find out more about the planned films, check The Film Place website: <http://www.thefilmplace.org.uk/>

Don't forget to register so that you can receive their monthly newsletter.

March Films

Friday 3rd March - Aftersun

Friday 10th March - Everything, Everywhere

Friday 17th March - Banshees of Inisherin

Friday 24th March - See How They Run

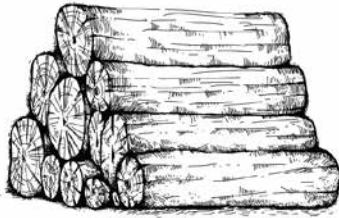
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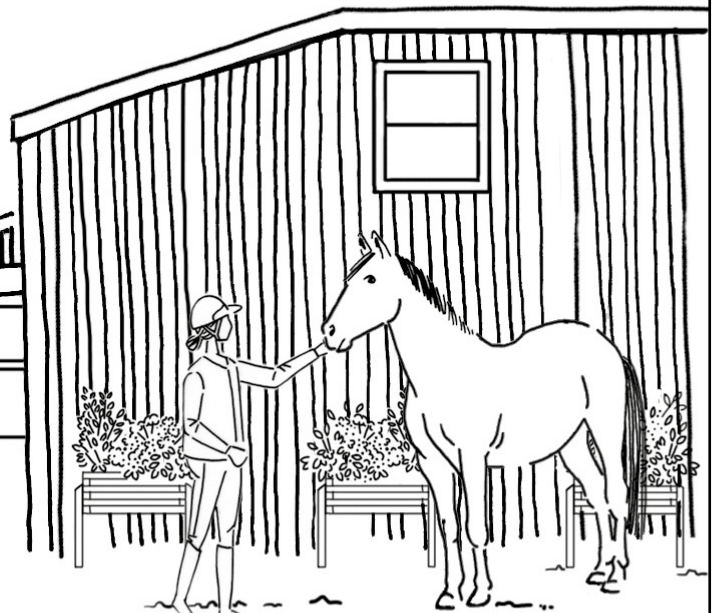
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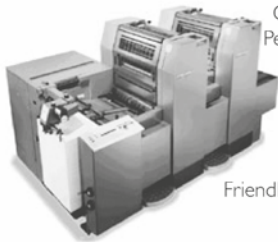




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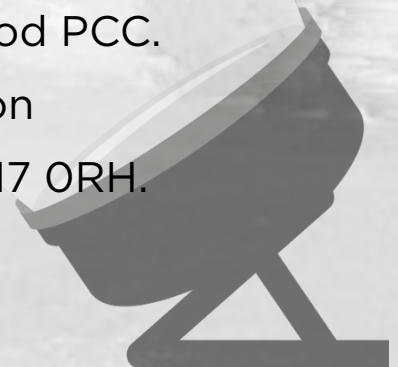
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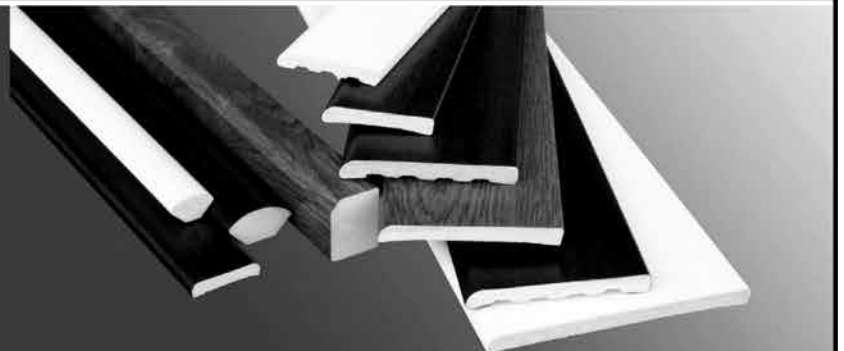
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