

Neighbourhood Plan

At the Community Events held in the village hall on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March, the Neighbourhood Planning Team presented the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Development Plan proposals.

In summary, the Plan designates a Great Horwood Settlement Boundary (GHSB) for the purpose of containing the physical growth of the village over the plan period, and will support development proposals on land within the GHSB provided that they comprise no more than 15 dwellings on land of no more than 0.5 Hectare (approx 1.2 acres). Also, that 35% of the total dwellings are provided as affordable homes, subject to viability.

3 sites are identified within the plan: 2 at the edge of the village along Little Horwood Road, one on the north side and one on the south side of the road, and one on the west side of Nash Road.

All those attending the Community Event were given a questionnaire and the results showed **a large majority in favour of the plan** and also large majorities in favour of each of the sites proposed.

The draft plan was circulated to all Parish Councillors and I am pleased to report that at our meeting on the 14th April the Parish Council passed the following resolution:-

“To approve the Great Horwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2031 Pre Submission Plan for public consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and in accordance with EU Directive 2001/42”.

So by now, the plan and many associated documents have been placed on the Great Horwood Parish Council website (<http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/>) or been provided via links from the website. **A six-week period for comments on the plan is currently running from Monday 28th April to 5pm on Monday 9th of June 2014.**

I am sure that many of you are aware that we have taken longer than originally hoped to come up with a plan but we are still one of very few in the whole of Aylesbury Vale who have even progressed this far.

I trust, therefore, that you will **take the time and trouble to examine the plan and to express your support for it** so that we can try to retain control of developments in the parish over the next 15 years rather than leave it to developers to decide how many and where new houses will be built.



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25th May	11.00am	Service of the Word
1st June	11.00am	Holy Communion

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J Margerrison	I Lamberton	J Margerrison
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N Weir	N Weir	M Gilbey

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The Village Fete – Saturday 5th July



A meeting was held last month to start co-ordinating the fete this year which will be held on Saturday 5th July on The Green. There will be the usual stalls and side shows and hopefully a few attractions too. **If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact any of the following** – David and Sue Brazier, Valerie Porritt, Jackie Goss and Pam Moyles. All help and support gratefully received before and on the day. We will need help with collecting bottles for the bottle stall, filling jars for the jarbola, making cakes, contributing to the plant stall etc etc.

Look out for another article in next month's Focus for more details.

David Brazier on 714712.

Neighbourhood Planning Team –



THANK YOU

Please may I offer my thanks and support to all the members of the Neighbourhood Planning Team for giving up two gloriously sunny afternoons to come to the Village Hall to discuss future plans for housing development in the village.

I would also like to congratulate them for coming up with several alternatives to the massive proposed development at the bottom of Weston Road. Their plans were well thought out, clear and concise. Not everyone appeared to be happy with some of the suggested sites but it has become abundantly clear that it is going to be impossible to please everyone in the village. Hopefully villagers will now appreciate what a difficult task the team has had – and how well they have risen to the challenge.

Jane Moulding

Lighting of the Church Tower



The church was lit on the:

- 11th March for Mr Blanes's Birthday
- 5th April for Ted Reeve's Birthday
- 6th April to remember Helga and Bob Day's wedding Anniversary
- 24th April to remember the Deuchar's Wedding Anniversary

Ian Lamberton

Village Hall



Thursday Night is Whist Night

We are a small friendly group of people who meet twice a month in the village hall to play whist. New players are always welcome and if you don't know how to play we can teach you!

We are not a serious group so we won't tell you off if you go wrong. It's just a social occasion with a cup of coffee and home made biscuits in the break.

The charge is £2 per person and cash prizes for the winners.

- May dates are: 8th and 22nd

Art and Craft Club

Every Friday morning between 10 and 12noon we meet in the village hall. It's not just painting and drawing, we have a wide range of skills and specialities. On the first Friday of every month we try our hand at a new skill. So far this year we have tried Stained glass work, quilling, origami and clay work. Plans are in hand to have a go at jewellery making, cardboard box making from scratch and maybe even stonemasonry.

Charges are £10 per term plus cost of materials used on our new skill morning. Because of some of the tools we use this class is not suitable for children.

Access to the Hall and Hall Hire

Over the 5th, 6th and 7th of April our Village Hall cleaner completely stripped, resealed and polished the floor. On Wednesday morning the floor looked fantastic but by Thursday evening it was found to have deep scratch and gouge marks on parts of it. We were aware that people have been getting into the hall so the Village Hall key has been removed from the key box and, in future, hirers of the hall will have to make arrangements to collect the key from the booking clerk. The hall will be inspected after each hiring.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE VILLAGE HALL:

Skateboards, roller skates, rollers balls and trainers with the skates in their soles or any other similar footwear.

To hire the hall call Gill Wood on 01296 712165.

Wild flower walk Sunday 25th May 2014



There will be a guided walk round Pilch Field Nature Reserve 2 – 4pm. (Pilch field is in Pilch Lane right on the sharp bend just before the chicken farm).

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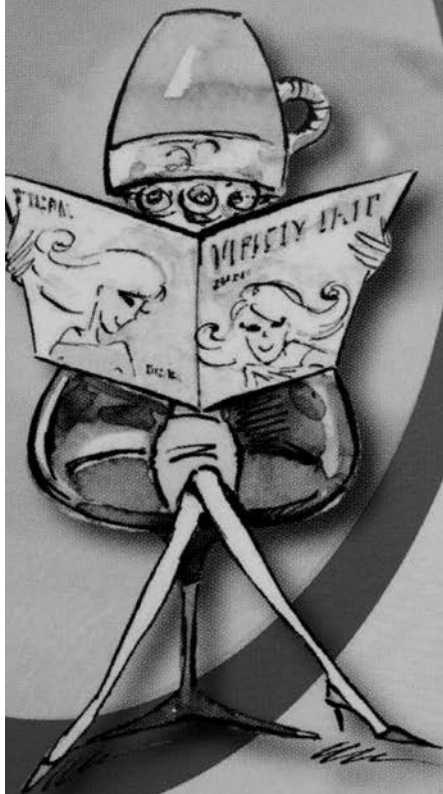
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I am so pleased that she has reconsidered and is going to carry on with Salsarobics after Easter and would strongly recommend that you come and give it a go. Vicki needs more customers and with summer on the way, now's the time to dig out your trainers. We are so lucky to have Vicki and her class here in the village and as such, this is a classic case of supporting a local girl and using the opportunity or we really will lose it.

Sarah Samways

Great Horwood 5k Mad March Hare Run



We were incredibly lucky with the weather for the Fun Run this year although there was a strong wind blowing down Pilch Lane making it hard work for the 189 runners taking part. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we had some fantastic winning times (see below). Once again I would like to thank our kind sponsors, Marble Arts and PS Property Solutions, whose generosity meant that we raised an incredible amount for the School. Thanks also to everyone who helped on the day and made this annual event such fun. Hope to see many more of you next year!!

- Winning Male - Trevor Poole 18.13
- Winning Lady - Julia Austin 20.17
- MU16 - Harvey Fowler 22.29
- FU16 - Amy Radford 19.10
- MU12 - Archie Landymore 23.11
- FU12 - Rhianne Rush 22.18
- MU9 - Ryan Martin 21.35
- FU9 - Amy Lee 29.59

Sheila Landymore

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The new freephone advice number is 0800 319 6789 and offers free and confidential advice on issues such as social care, welfare benefits, befriending services and other social support.

It is available Monday to Friday 10am-4pm or email advice@independentage.org

Telephone Book Club

In addition, you may like to consider joining a telephone book club. TalkTime phone clubs gives you the chance to discuss books, films and more over the telephone in the comfort of your own home. Every four to six weeks a group of about six people meet up over the phone at an arranged time – Independent Age call you, so there is no cost involved.

If you join a book group a reading list will be sent out to you. The group will choose a book which they would like to read and discuss in their next call.

Discussion Groups

If books are not your thing you can join one of their discussion groups. Groups discuss all sorts, from the royal family to recent day trips, hobbies, cooking or even what's been on TV.

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Lynne Maddocks, Community Engagement Officer, Aylesbury Vale District Council

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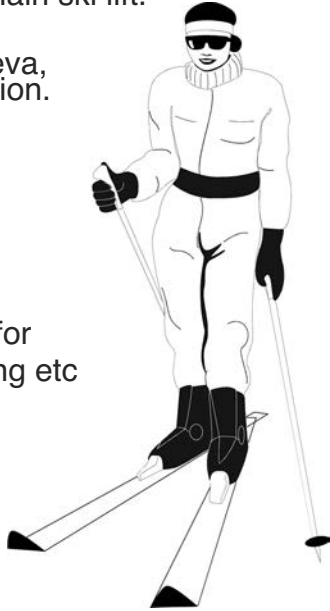
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The Lions Club of Winslow would like to say a big thank you to everyone who joined us in drinking for charity at our 9th Beer Festival held in Winslow on 14th & 15th March. Money raised from the event will be distributed to local charities and organisations.

With over forty barrels of varying beers and ciders, there was plenty of choice for everyone! We had beers ranging from the ever-favourite Lancaster Bomber from Thwaites Brewery in Lancashire to Winslow Pride, brewed by Vale Brewery specifically for our festival.

John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons and local MP, opened our festival on Friday night and gave everyone present a rousing speech in which he encouraged responsible drinking as well as enjoying the beers that were on offer. We would also like to say thank you to Vale Brewery who helped us to source the beers and ciders from various breweries up and down the country. Without them our festival would not happen.

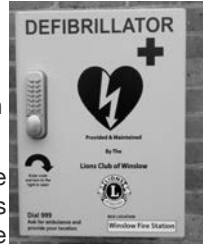
With three 6-Nations games on Saturday afternoon, we were inundated with rugby fans who wanted to help us raise money for charity and watch an afternoon of rugby that will live long in the memory.

Our final session on Saturday evening gave plenty of people the chance to taste their favourite beers of the festival. Some of the most popular beers included Lancaster Bomber from Thwaites, Black Stallion from Arundel Brewery and Side Pocket for a Toad from Tring Brewery.

We would like to say a final thank you to all of our barrel sponsors. We had more sponsors than ever before and sponsorship for this year's festival has set a new record since our event started in 2006. If you are interested in sponsoring a barrel at our festival in 2015 then contact us at: info@winslowlions.org.uk

Defibrillator

We are pleased to announce that our Public Access Defibrillator is now fully operational. It has been placed on the Winslow Fire Station in the middle of Winslow High Street.



This project has been very important to the Lions Club of Winslow as we felt that it was vitally important to place a publicly accessible defibrillator in Winslow. We are delighted to have completed this project.

As you may have seen, it has been placed in a bright yellow box on the front of the fire station. We would like to thank Bucks Fire and Rescue and the South Central Ambulance Service for their co-operation in what has been an important project for the community of Winslow.

The defibrillator is available for anyone to use. It is accessed by ringing the 999 emergency services and stating the emergency incident. If the defibrillator is needed then they will give the key code for the box on the front of the fire station. The defibrillator can be used by anyone and automatically gives you verbal instructions on how to use it.

Members of the Lions Club were joined by Derek Flint - Community Liaison and Training Manager (Far Left), Steve Acton - Winslow Community First Responder (Far Right) and David Barry, Mayor of Winslow, to unveil the Public Access Defibrillator.



Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

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Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor



As you may be aware, I have attended several *Have Your Say* sessions at the village hall when the post lady attends. I have enjoyed lots of conversations with everyone there over a cuppa.

Sadly, at the last meeting, my attention was raised to the issue of irresponsible dog owners/walkers not picking up after their dogs in several areas, one of which is the recreation ground at the bottom of Spring Lane.

This is not only disgusting, it is a Health and Safety issue. Human Toxocariasis is potentially a serious infection and is a direct consequence of soil or sand contamination with faeces carrying eggs of the parasite. The parasite can only infect humans if swallowed. Once swallowed, the infection can last between 6 and 24 months. Frequently the infection is through the hands, but can also be with the dogs themselves or through inanimate objects such as wheels of toys, soles of shoes, etc. Many infected soil samples are found in children's play areas and in the streets and as a result of this, Toxocariasis is mainly found in children between 18 months and five years. Eye disorders are the most commonly reported complaint associated with Toxocariasis, although other symptoms are vague aches, dizziness, nausea, asthma and epileptic fits.

Owners/walkers also need to pick up after their dogs on farmland. Neospora eggs are produced by infected dogs and passed on by their faeces. This causes abortion or stillbirth in cattle as it multiplies in the developing calf. Sarcocystosis, again transmitted in the dogs' faeces, causes neurological disease and death in sheep. The commercial consequences to the farmer are obvious.

Please be aware that if you see anyone not pick up after their dog and you know who they are and where they live, I can issue a ticket for this offence on the strength of you witnessing the event. The maximum fine for not clearing up after your dog is £1,000 Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

PCSO Wendy Taylor



Great Horwood Toddler Group



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Horwood Pece



After spending many, many hours mowing the grass on the recreation ground, Paul Landymore finds he can no longer do it. We would like to thank Paul for his energy and commitment over the past twelve months. It was a mammoth job for him to take on.

The Trustees and Management Committee are discussing how to proceed and hopefully by the time this is printed we will have arrangements for regular cutting in place.

Liz Nicholls - Management Committee

Great Horwood Football Club



The first team are currently sitting in fourth place with six games left to play. The Reserves, after a very slow start, are really pushing to stay in the higher division after promotion last season but may have left it too late. With just three games to go they need to continue their excellent recent run and have other results go their way.

The Veterans have struggled all season with a change to league structure and a bad run of long term injuries. Although many games have been forfeited we hope to continue next year – anyone interested in playing please e-mail chairman@greathorwoodfc.co.uk.

The under 18's have enjoyed the majority of their season with some great close games being played in a very competitive division. A couple of poor performances after the long bad weather break were quickly turned around with hope now for a cracking end to the season.

The under 16's have also turned round their season with good results and are looking for coaches and a manager for next season – if anyone is interested please e-mail as above.

The under 13's sit third in Division 1 with games in hand. The under 12's continue to progress having been promoted to Division 2, whilst the under 12's girls are third in their division, enjoying their football and winning some good games.

The under 11's and 10's are also going well with the under 10's being promoted to Division 1 in the MKDDL. The under 9's and 7's continue to play friendly games within the MKDDL framework with the under 7's winning their first game recently.

The under 6's are a new team. Last summer a few parents wanted to set up an Under 6 Team to give local five-year-olds an opportunity to play for their local Club. The local schools were leaflet dropped and we ran taster sessions for all interested players. In September we signed up 13 players for the 2013/14 Season, some having siblings that played in the Club already. We were very fortunate to have 2 dads with experience of football coaching to coach the boys each week, and just before Christmas the boys played in their very first friendly match. Since Christmas the boys have been playing at the Winslow Centre in the Hall and on the Astro Pitch there as the football field pitches were flooded with the unexpected wet weather. After the Easter break they will resume training sessions at the football field in Nash Road and have 3 further friendly matches planned before the end of the Season.



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Chairman's Monthly Report Last Meeting – Monday 14th April 2014

Great Horwood
Parish Council

Neighbourhood Plan

See front page.

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

Moving forward from the Vale of Aylesbury Plan which was withdrawn in February this year due to its failure to gain acceptance from a Planning Inspector, AVDC has started work on a new Plan. The new Plan will be known as Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) and will include the overall strategy for the district. AVDC has started the process of consulting on the scope of the new Plan and this consultation period runs for 8 weeks from 2nd April to 28th May 2014. The consultation documents can be downloaded from the AVDC website at the following address:

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/planning-policy/vale-of-aylesbury-local-plan/>

Annual Parish Meeting: - TUESDAY 29th APRIL 7.30pm Village Hall

By the time this FOCUS is published the Annual Parish Meeting will have been held at which I present my annual report on Parish Council activities over the past year. Many representatives of village organisations and other bodies attend and provide information on their activities during the last year, plus their plans for the coming year.

Footpaths

Robert Deuchar provided the following report for the (14th

April) meeting-

"All the Parish's footpaths and the bridleway have been pruned in the last fortnight. The metal pedestrian gates on FP9 (part of the North Bucks Way) between Nash Road and the A421 near the house "Six Lords" have all been installed. This means that walkers, with dogs if they have them, can do a circuit from The Green down Nash Road, take FP9 opposite Manor Farm to Singleborough, a short stretch along the verge of the A421, turn into Singleborough Lane and back on FP8 (opposite Pear Tree House, Singleborough) to Church Lane and the Green with no stiles at all. Thanks to D Jack Smith and Bucks CC for the grant funding."

Parish Council Website

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

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention at any time please contact either the Clerk or any Councillor and we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which we always have a public participation period.

The next meeting is to be held on **Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council

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W.I News

Our popular annual dinner took place in April at the Cricket Pavilion, the theme this year being 'The Commonwealth'. On arrival, the tables were attractively laid with pretty green & yellow cloths, vases of flowers & cards depicting the Commonwealth Games. The delicious food, prepared by various members, was salmon mousse followed by Caribbean Chicken with coconut dumplings – hot & tasty! Those with a sweet tooth were well catered for with a choice of desserts plus an unusual selection of cheeses followed by coffee and mints. During the meal the wine (& chat) flowed freely making for a lovely evening, much enjoyed by all.

We had to have a raffle of course, but one with a difference – everyone a winner, all members having brought a wrapped raffle prize.

Our May meeting is on **Tuesday 13th, 7.30pm in the Village Hall** when Carol Tomes of Sweet Dreams, Buckingham will tell us all about 'Lingerie Since World War II'.

Also in May, a group of us will be going to London for a tour of the BBC followed by the Viking exhibition currently on at The British Museum.

Visitors are most welcome at our meetings, to join our walking group and to come along on our outings. If you would like any information about our friendly group, contact Karen (712933) or Angela (715400).

Karen Wilkinson



Great Horwood Silver Band



Band Chairman and Euphonium player Roy, Trombone player Paul, Baritone player Keith, and Beryl, were invited by Monica Gilbey to attend the Youth Club to talk about the band and demonstrate a few brass instruments. They received a warm welcome. Some Youth Club members had a go at producing notes from the instruments and did very well.

Anyone who is interested in coming to meet the band and perhaps joining us would be welcome to come to the village hall on any Wednesday evening. We particularly need bass players.

The band are now busy rehearsing for the next Concert which is on **Saturday 10th May in Waddesdon Village Hall from 7.30pm; Admission £7 and £5 concessions**. Light refreshments will be available and a raffle will be held. All proceeds from the Concert will be for the Parkinsons UK Charity.

100 Club Winners for March were:

- Colin Nicholls: £12
- Graham Saunders: £8

Beryl Lack

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Thurs	8th May	- Westcroft Bus*
Mon	19th May	- Buckingham Garden Centre. Free tea/coffee on arrival, 10% off lunch. Travel £3
Thurs	22nd May	- Westcroft Bus*
Tues	27th May	- Thame Market Day. £4.50
Thurs	29th May	- Visit Lichfield National Memorial Arboretum, the UK's year round centre of remembrance with 50,000 maturing trees and over 250 significant memorials. £10.
Tues	3rd June	- Buckingham Bus*
Thurs	5th June	- Visit Blenheim Palace., park and gardens. Set in 2100 acres of beautiful parkland landscaped by 'Capability' Brown, the magnificent Palace is surrounded by sweeping lawns, award-winning formal gardens and the great Lake, offering an unforgettable day out for all. Blenheim Palace is a unique example of English Baroque architecture. £20 travel and entrance.
Sun	8th June	- Cosford Annual Air Show. Over 6 hours flying display, military bands, displays, arena displays, indoor craft, RAF museum. £22 includes entrance.
Thurs	12th June	- Westcroft Bus*
Mon	16th June	- Asda Shopping
Tues	17th June	- Visit Moreton in Marsh on market day. £7.50
Tues	24th June	- River cruise Marlow to Henley. This popular route passes through many beautiful villages before finishing with a cruise along the world famous Henley Royal Regatta course. Highlights include passing the historic stately homes of Bisham and Medmenham Abbey, Temple Island (marking the starting point for the racing) and the numerous large estates flanking the regatta course. £20 travel & fare.
Thurs	26th June	- Westcroft Bus*
Thurs	3rd July	- Afternoon Canal boat trip from Pitstone Wharf. The two hour Cruise travels along an attractive section of the Grand Union Canal, through two locks and turns at the Aylesbury Junction. During the cruise you will be served a choice of either tea or coffee with a generous slice of homemade cake. £20 travel & fare.

Milton Keynes Theatre

All prices are for tickets in Band A price range (Circle or stalls) and travel. Performances start 2.30pm unless otherwise stated. Door to door service!

Wednesday	7th May	- Dance til Dawn. Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace. Circle Row H £18.50
Wednesday	14th May	- Fame. A feel-good triumph. Circle Row J £21.50
Wednesday	28th May	- Pygmalion. Classic British drama. Circle Row D £23.50
Wednesday	4th & 11th June	- West Side Story. Greatest musical of all time. £39.00
Wednesday	2nd July	- Singin' in the Rain. A night of sheer delight. Stalls Row D £29.50
Wednesday	3rd Sept:	- Top Hat. Circle Row H £34
Wednesday	24th Sept:	- The Mousetrap. £24
Wednesday	26th November:	- Calamity Jane with Jodi Prenger. £22

Telephone Sue on 01296 715786 to book your tickets for trips and theatre. e-mail: wdcbenquiries@btconnect.com

Coffee Morning

A BIG thank you to all who helped on the day and for all donations for our Coffee Morning. We raised £300.00.

Volunteer Drivers

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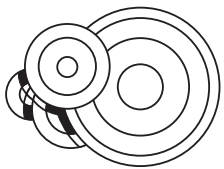
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