

# FOCUS

## Headlines from the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish meeting held on the 13th of April was attended by about 50 people, some of whom were representing village organisations.

Council Chairman, John Gilbey, highlighted the achievements of the Council over the past 4 years and outlined the challenges ahead. There were also updates from most of the village organisations and a demonstration of the recently installed defibrillator.

### The last 4 years...

We are fortunate in having a very committed and energetic council, supported by an active community. As a result, much has been achieved over the 4-year term of the current Parish Council including:

- Replacing the old Bus Shelter in Little Horwood Road near The Green and the installation of a new one in Little Horwood Road
- Diamond Jubilee celebrations (largely funded by the Lord of the Manor, D Jack Smith)
- Registration of The Green and the Cricket Field in the ownership of the Parish Council
- Refurbished the Sun Dial which used to stand on The Green and gifted it to the school
- Improvements to The Green – paved footpath and wooden bollards
- Extension of the footway at the top of Nash Road
- Installation of 8 salt/grit bins
- 2 additional dog bins installed and maintained
- Contributed to AVDC's project to review and extend the 2 Conservation Areas in the parish
- Installation and operation of a portable speed sign
- 5 Planters installed and maintained at all the main entrances to the village
- Installation of 6 metal gates on footpath 9 (jointly funded by Bucks County Council and the Lord of the Manor)
- Give Way signs in Singleborough Lane at the junction with Pilch Lane
- Helped facilitate the Neighbourhood Plan

### The next 4 years...

AVDC's net budget for the coming financial year will be £15.7 million, £5 million LESS than in 2010/11. Bucks County Council (BCC) has seen its central government grant halved over the same period. More cuts of a similar magnitude are likely to be made over the next 4 years, putting further pressure on council services and an expectation that parish councils will take on some of the work previously done by AVDC or BCC.

We have already seen the impact of these cuts on local services: e.g. AVDC now charge for the provision of the Village Freighter service, so that will no longer be provided because your council isn't prepared to pay for it. BCC have withdrawn funding for Youth Clubs and the Winslow Library was only saved from closure by agreement to run it with a team of volunteers.

So in the next 4 years we will need to decide which services the parish wish to retain, how much we are prepared to pay to continue to provide services that are valued by the community and which services can be provided by volunteers acting on behalf of the community.

The other key challenge will be the need to work with AVDC and landowners to see the implementation of the developments agreed as part of our Neighbourhood Plan.

Further details from the meeting can be found in the Council Chairman's report in this edition of FOCUS and on the parish council website: <http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/>

*Dean White*

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# Church Times

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## St James' Services for May

3rd May	11.00am	Holy Communion
10th May	11.00am	Come and Praise
17th May	11.00am	Holy Communion
24th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
24th May	11.00am	Service of the Word
31st May	11.00am	Holy Communion
7th June	11.00am	Holy Communion

Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
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Church Key Rota – David Moore – tel: 713281

## Lighting of the Church Tower



The Church was lit on the following occasions:

- 31st March to remember Norman Bartlett
- 11th April in memory of Mary Vinden
- 28th April for Jillian Sirett's Birthday

Ian Lamberton

## Village Fete



A meeting was held last month to start co-ordinating the fete this year which will be held on **Saturday 4th 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 me.** All help and support gratefully received before and on the day. Look out for another article in next month's *FOCUS* for more details.

David Brazier - 714712

## Great Horwood Football Club - HELP NEEDED



The Club are having a good season with the youth section doing particularly well.

In order to continue evolving we now need to appoint a new Child Welfare Officer. As part of our Club set up, the FA insist that clubs have a Child Welfare Officer to look after all welfare issues. The retiring incumbent has done a great job for a number of seasons and it's now time for someone else to take on the baton.

The role is not too demanding and would suit someone with a few hours a month to keep track of records, coaching qualifications, etc. Please see ad on opposite page.

This is a vital role, so please don't be shy in coming forward. The incumbent and myself would be happy to discuss the role in more detail with any interested parties. If you think you can help, or would like more information, please contact me on the number below.

Vyv Rudd, Chairman Gt Horwood FC tel: 07970 089809

## Great Horwood 5k Mad March Hare Run



Sunday 22nd March was a day of glorious sunshine and sporting prowess as 150 hardy runners took part in the annual Mad March Hare run. Some amazing times were achieved and the event made a great amount of money for the Village School. Many thanks again to our sponsors - Marble Arts and PS Properties, our raffle prize contributors, all the marshals and the PTA providing refreshments and of course everybody that came along and supported this event which is one of the School's best fund raisers.

We had many comments on the day about how much people enjoyed coming to the village and what a great atmosphere there was. Full results can be found on the School website. Below are the times of the winners.

- 1st Male - Trevor Poole 18 minutes 34 seconds
- 1st Lady - Tanya Taylor 20.12
- Male U16 - Matthew Rizzo-Naudi 20.53
- Male U12 - George Landymore 21.25
- Female U16 - Anna Radford 22.22
- Female U12 - Rhianne Rush 21.29
- Male U9 Sam Lister 21.27
- Female U9 Amy Lee 28.46
- Fastest Villager - Paul Landymore 21.13 !

Sheila Landymore

## Horwode Pece:



Sadly, the weather scuppered our best intentions to have a Spring Tidy-Up last month. However, a few of the jobs have managed to get done by our volunteers at various times through the month.

Note we now have a new picnic table near the entrance. By the time this is read, the regular mowing should have started, making the Rec look neater. Picnic on the Pece is on Sunday 7th June from 12 noon onwards with the ever popular Giocosco band playing.

Thanks to the glorious weather over the Easter school holidays the Rec has been very well used.

Cathy Holland - Committee member.

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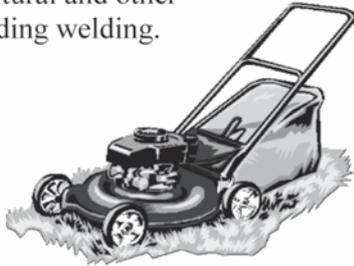
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## Upcoming Events...

**24th May** : 1 Year Anniversary Garden Party and BBQ from 6pm

**30th May** : Ladies cocktail evening (with a cheeky surprise!) no ticket required

**June** : Antiques and Collectors fare – please contact the pub to book a stall

**25th July** : The Cantells play at the Swan (tickets in advance from the pub)

**19th September** : The Red Bullets play at the Swan (tickets in advance from the pub)

**Quiz**: Every first Sunday of the Month – book your table in advance



**Lions Club of Winslow - 10 years of empty barrels for charity!**

The Lions Club of Winslow would like to say a big thank you to everyone who joined us in drinking for charity at our 10th Beer Festival in Winslow in March, with many barrels emptied over the course of three sessions.

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 Bright Nails, brewed by Vale Brewery specifically for our festival and honouring our Prime Sponsor, Bright Nails who have been main sponsor for all of our ten festivals.

John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons and local MP opened our festival with the shouting of 'Order, Order' and encouraging everyone present to enjoy the beers that were on offer. We would also like to say thank you to Vale Brewery who again 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, with England not quite achieving the points to win the title but still beating France in a nail-biting encounter.

Our final session on Saturday evening gave plenty of people the chance to taste their favourite beers of the festival, with some of the most popular beers this year being *Lion* from Hook Norton Brewery and *Steerage* from Titanic Brewery.

**We would like to say a final thank you to all of our barrel sponsors. As a result of their support and everybody else who contributed to the Festival, we managed to raise a grand total of just under £9000 - cheers everyone - here's to next year !!!.**

*Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)*

*'Help us to help local charities'*

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**Facebook:** facebook/WinslowLions  
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**Great Horwood Silver Band**



The band's recent concert held in Great Horwood Village hall in memory of tenor horn player Zoe Laborda was well attended and raised the sum of £360 for the RSPCA Blackberry Farm Animal Charity, where Zoe spent time as a volunteer.

The band's next engagements are on Saturday June 6th for Adstock Open Gardens (time to be advised) and on Sunday June 7th they will be playing at the Thornton College Fete from 1pm. Then on Sunday June 28th on Parsons Close Bandstand in Leighton Buzzard from 3pm.

July 12th they will play for the family day at Carey Lodge retirement home and on July 25th they return again to Aston Abbots for their fete on the Village Green.

100 Club winners were:

- Stella Matthews £12
- Sylvia Nutt £8

*Beryl Lack*

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**Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor**



**Theft from vehicles**

Thefts from motor vehicles are still occurring and on the increase again; mainly tools being taken from vans. Please don't let yourself be another crime statistic - remove your tools at the end of your day. If you have to leave them in the vehicle please make sure it is secure when you leave it and mark your property with a house number/name and postcode. If you missed our tool marking events in February and March please pop into the Police office in Winslow or attend our "Have your say" meetings to find out when we have our next one planned.

We have had several thefts of number plates. These usually occur so criminals can commit other crimes like theft/burglary. We do have a supply of tamper proof screws in the Winslow office so if you would like to improve the security of your number plates by this method please let a member of the team know and we'll get some to you

**Rural Crime**

A Swift Challenger caravan was stolen from a farm near Nash. Following several tracker activations Surrey Police located the caravan in their area being towed by a vehicle which was also identified as recently stolen from Lower Heyford. One suspect has been arrested.

There have been reports over the last few weeks of a number of persons walking onto farms, acting suspiciously and having a look around. When they are challenged by the farm owners they state they are enquiring about renting horse stables. They then walk away and have been seen getting in Transit type vehicles. If you see any suspicious activity like this please call 999.

**Staff changes**

You may have noticed the changing faces just recently and, sadly, one more occurred in March. PC Martin Siderman, after 30 years service, has retired from Thames Valley Police. He will be taking some time out in places a good deal hotter than Winslow.

For the moment, PC Graham Labrum will be caretaking the Neighbourhood team until we establish the outcome of the work Winslow Town Council has done to keep the office open.

Please feel free to visit the Winslow Police office if you wish to speak to an officer or one of our volunteers.

*Wendy Taylor*

**CAR DRIVERS BEWARE!**

A Great Horwood resident has contacted me and asked that I publicise a worrying incident that happened to her a few weeks ago.

Whilst in her car, **waiting at a junction near Buckingham to turn left, a dark blue Mercedes van pulled up next to her to turn right.** The passenger and driver of the van started waving and gesturing at her pointing to her car's rear wheel and indicating that she must get out of the car at once. They were VERY persistent. She ignored them and they eventually drove off.

As soon as she had driven to a safe place, she checked her car and found nothing wrong. Later in the day the car was thoroughly checked over and no problems were found.

**If you face a similar experience PLEASE TAKE CARE AND DON'T GET OUT OF YOUR CAR.**

The incident has been reported to the police.

*Dean White*

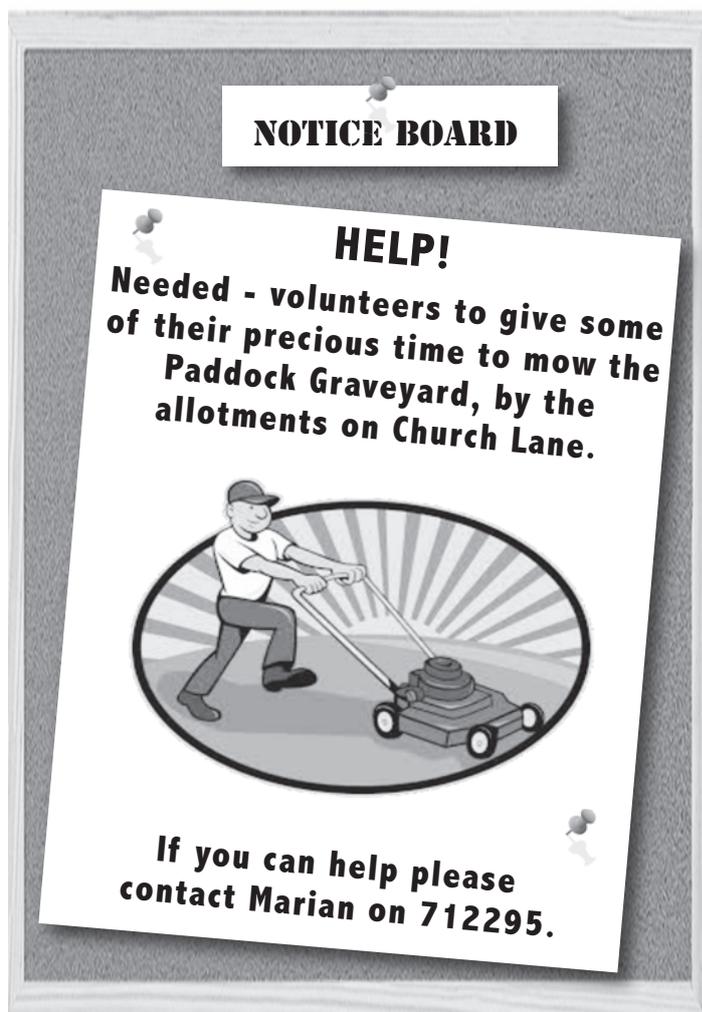
In April we held our popular annual dinner, celebrating the WI centenary. The menu, which included 4 delicious casseroles and 4 amazing puddings, was enjoyed by 20 members and a guest. It was a very pleasant social occasion and at the end of the evening our president presented Diane Cook and Jeannie Marshall with WI centenary brooches in recognition of their contribution to our Institute as long standing members.

Other events in April were the Council meeting held in Aylesbury and a visit to Milton Keynes Theatre to see the exciting 'Lord of the Dance' show. And on Thursday 23rd April the centenary baton made its way from Winslow to Great Horwood on a vintage tractor driven by Ruth Marsden.

We continue to enjoy our fortnightly Monday morning walks – please contact Karen on 712933 or Ann on 714052 if you would like to join us. **The next walk will be on Monday 11th May.**

Our May meeting in the Village hall is on **Tuesday the 12th when Sheila Gurnett will give us a talk entitled "Volunteering and its rewards"**. Visitors are welcome.

Ann Biggins



Great Horwood  
Parish Council

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### Ordinary meeting

#### Report from the BCC Winslow and District Local Area Forum

Cllr. Mayne gave a brief resume of the meeting that she had attended on 26th March.

#### A defibrillator for the village

Cllr. Mayne advised that the original defibrillator was found to be faulty and has now been replaced.

#### Proposed closure of Winslow Police Office

We have advised Winslow Town Council of our offer of financial support for the running of the office and are currently awaiting the final decision of Thames Valley Police about the fate of the office.

#### Buckingham Town Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Buckingham Town Council with a note in support of its draft Neighbourhood Plan.

### Annual Parish Meeting

I opened the meeting by welcoming an audience of around 50 people and introducing the 7 councillors who make up the current members of the Parish Council. I went on to welcome the representatives from village organisations as well as those from outside the parish.

I explained that only 3 of the current councillors have stood for re-election to the new Council and thanked the 4 councillors who are not seeking re-election for their various contributions to the activities of the Council.

I was also able to introduce 3 of the 4 new councillors who will join the Council from 7th May.

I explained that this year I had prepared my annual Chairman's report in written format rather than through a Power Point presentation and copies were available to all those attending.

In the report I highlighted the activities and achievements

of the Council over the last year as well as recapping on our activities over our 4-year term. I also gave my views on the challenges that will face the new Council over its 4-year term.

A copy of my report is available on the Parish Council website on the Annual Parish Meetings page.

We then had a demonstration of the use of our defibrillator by Geoff Shaw from the Buckingham AED project together with a First Responder. Members of the audience were then invited to try their hand as you will see from the photograph of Margaret Michalski and Jane Holland below.

Following this we had short presentations from the following organisations or individuals on their past activities and future plans:

- Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club – update provided by Monica Gilbey together with Issy, Daisy and Jake
- Paula Shaw – Head of Great Horwood School
- PCSO Wendy Taylor - Thames Valley Police
- Great Horwood Silver Band – update provided by Roy Lack
- David Brazier - St James Church PCC
- Gill Wood - Village Hall
- Simon Garwood - BCC Prevention Matters
- Karen Wilkinson – W.I.
- John Nicholls – Horwode Pece Rec Committee
- John Chilver – County Councillor

### 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 pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which we always have a public participation period.

The first meeting of the new Council will take place in the Village Hall at **7.30pm on Monday 11th May** when appointments will be made to the various posts on the Council.

*John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council  
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**2nd and 4th THURSDAYS in the month - *Westcroft Shopping Centre***. Full fare: £3.00 return.

- The bus picks up from St James' Church at 09.50am and arrives at Westcroft at 10.10.  
Return journey leaves Westcroft at 11.45 arriving back in Great Horwood at 12.02.

**EVERY FRIDAY and SATURDAY - *Aylesbury Market Day***. Full fare: £4.00 return, £2.80 single.

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Thursday	14th May	- Westcroft Bus*
Friday	15th and Saturday 16th May	- Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	19th May	- Visit Greenwich. Take a boat trip down the Thames past all the sights in London, including Houses of Parliament, St Pauls Cathedral, Tower of London, to spend the day as you like in Greenwich. £20.00 includes boat fare.
Friday	22nd and Saturday 23rd May	- Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	26th May	- Stock up after the Bank Holiday at Asda! £4.00
Thursday	28th May	- Westcroft Bus*
Friday	29th and Saturday 30th May	- Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	2nd June	- Buckingham Bus*
Friday	5th & Sat 6th June	- Aylesbury Market Bus*
Tuesday	9th June	- Visit The Fitzwilliam (re-run from cancelled trip).
Thursday	11th June	- Westcroft Bus*
Sunday	14th June	- Winslow in Bloom. Book the bus for transport to & from gardens.
Tuesday	16th June	- Visit Greenwich. Take a boat trip down the Thames past all the sights in London, including Houses of Parliament, St Pauls Cathedral, Tower of London, to spend the day as you like in Greenwich. £20.00 includes boat fare.
Friday	19th & Saturday 20th June	- Aylesbury Market Bus*
Monday	22nd June	- Asda Shopping £4.00
Tuesday	23rd June	- Abingdon to Oxford boat trip, with a couple of hours in Oxford. £20.00.
Thursday	25th June	- Westcroft Bus.
Friday	26th & Saturday 27th June	- Aylesbury Market Bus*

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Wed	29th July	- Love Me Tender. Feel-good musical with 25 Elvis hits. Circle B £24.00
Wed	26th August	- Shrek the Musical. Treat the kids! Stalls Row U £35.00
Wed	23rd Sept	- Anything Goes. Delightful musical. Circle Rows C/D £30.00
Wed	16th Sept	- The Importance of Being Earnest. Starring Nigel Havers and Sian Phillips. Circle A/CC. £25.00
Friday	23rd Oct	- 2.30pm. Romeo & Juliet. English National Ballet. Circle Row E/F. £31.00
Wed	28th Oct	- Glenn Miller Story. Starring Tommy Steele. Stalls Q. £32.00

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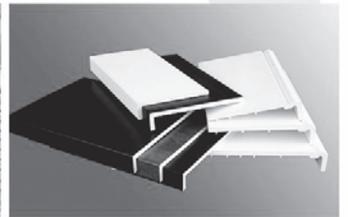
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