

MAY 2018

# FOCUS



Way back at the start of the year Andrew said to David and I (Russell), “would you be up for the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge?” – “Yes” I said not having a clue what I was letting myself in for! I know now.

The Yorkshire Three Peaks is over 25 miles and comprises the 3 highest Peaks in Yorkshire Pen-Y-Ghent at 694m, Whernside at 736m and Ingleborough at 723m – just to make it more interesting you need to complete the course in 12 hours. Now I am reliably informed that the views are spectacular and on a clear day you can see all the way to Morecambe Bay in the West from the tops of both Whernside and Ingleborough and we are hoping that May the 30th will be bright and clear but not too hot in Yorkshire.

So apart from being very foolish why are we doing it I hear you ask. The answer is to raise funds to carry on serving the community of Great Horwood in 2 ways: firstly, to paint the inside of the church which needs doing every 12 years or so and secondly to raise some funds for Focus itself. So we would be very grateful if you could sponsor us on our way either via the website <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/david-brazier-1> or simply by getting in touch with any one of us on the phone numbers below.

We will bring some photos back of the day to share with you all in a future edition.

*Russell Margerrison (714554), Rev Andrew Lightbown (712564) and David Brazier (714712)*





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N Weir	C Finnemore	D Brazier
V Porritt	D Brazier	Clergy
J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
D Brazier	J Brigden	Clergy

**Church Key Rota:** May - D Moore tel 713281  
June - Zahra Hanson- tel 713406

## Village Fete

It's that time of year again when we start to plan the Village Fete which will take place on Saturday 7th July on The Green. There will be a meeting at The Crown to start preparations on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm. If you would like to help organize the afternoon or be involved in any way at all, please feel free to come along. If you cannot make the meeting but would still like to be involved please contact David Brazier on 714712

## Lighting up the Church

The Tower was lit on the 11th April to remember Mary Vinden  
*Ian Lmberton*



## Village Hall News

As I am sure the residents of the village have noticed the roof is badly in need of some attention. We can either do a patch job or a complete replacement of the tiles. Either way this is going to be expensive, the management committee are investigating grants and hopefully will be able to replace the tiles.

In the meantime bookings are going on as usual. So please keep supporting the hall. It's your bookings that keep the hall going.

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## Keys found

Two keys have been found hanging in the front hedge of 8 The Green. It looks like they have been there for a while. Please call in or phone 715331 if you think they are yours. *Liz and John Nicholls*

## Attention Dog Owners

We have just had our second dog attack in as many weeks in our fields.

The first killed a Ewe pregnant with twins (so three lives lost) the second was a new born lamb that was attacked and has had its entire stomach removed by a dog - probably within seconds of birth as the lamb hadn't even been cleaned by its mother.

This is totally unacceptable. We have also found that a gate separating mothers and lambs from those sheep expecting lambs which is **NOT ON A DESIGNATED FOOTPATH** has been left open by a walker and now all sheep are muddled up together.

Two issues therefore need to be addressed

- 1) **ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON LEADS** - we are in lambing season and no matter how well trained owners think their dogs are they **MUST** be on leads.
- 2) Trespassing off of footpaths. **Walkers must stick to footpaths** and not take their own short cuts across our land.

The Police have been informed about both incidents.

We have photos documenting these attacks but they are not suitable for publication.

*Emma & Dan Fellingham  
Laurel Farm, Singleborough*

## Young Writers competition

Remember, entries for The Focus young writers competition need to be in by end of May. The two categories are Under 11s and under 16s. The subject of this story should involve Great Horwood and be no more than 500 words. The two best stories will be published in Focus in the July edition. Email your entry to: editor@ghfocus.com

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## GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

The band are now looking forward to a busy Summer season and have been rehearsing programmes for the many engagements that have been booked. We are looking forward to receiving our new wet weather jackets shortly.

It is nice to see Keith Mould back in the band room following his recent illness.

We are still looking for new members for the band and the training band. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall. Training band from 7pm and the main band from 7.45pm.

Tuition and Instruments can be provided free of charge. If you are interested in joining us you can contact us on [beryl.lack@btinternet.com](mailto:beryl.lack@btinternet.com) or visit our website on [www.greathorwoodband.com](http://www.greathorwoodband.com)

100 Club Winners for April were .

Tony Hart £12

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Beryl

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## WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

Members of the Society celebrated our 25th anniversary at our March meeting when we enjoyed an excellent talk and demonstration of very wet watercolour by Eileen Gascoigne. Our April meeting covered still life, and for 31st May we have an acrylics demonstration from Keith Morton

**Demonstration evenings** are based at the Winslow Bowls Club House usually on the last Thursday of each month commencing at 7-30, & are free for members of the Society. We welcome non-members for a small fee.

**The weekend of May 19th /20th** brings our **Spring Exhibition** of a wide range of artworks by locally based artists. Some members will be demonstrating their skills and there will be additional displays of items for sale, all made by members.

The show is at the Winslow Public Hall and open from **11am until 4.30 pm** daily Saturday and Sunday and admission is free.

The two Society **Painting Groups** are flourishing and support members using a wide range of skills and different media. The current term runs from April through to July and there are a few places still available.

Anyone interested should contact Treasurer Jackie Chambers (below) for more information.

**Wednesday May 30th** brings a visit to Weston Park in Staffordshire to see the **International Watercolour Artists Exhibition**. There is a coach arranged from Winslow and there may still be places available when you read this.

More information will be available at the May Exhibition or through the contacts below. This outing is open to all, while spaces are available.

Your society contacts are

Treasurer Jackie Chambers (01296) 713607

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Great Horwood  
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## Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting – Monday 9 April 2018

The April meeting of Great Horwood Parish Council took place on 9 April. Before the start of the meeting the Lease to the Cricket Club of the field in Nash Road was signed. The field belongs to the Great Horwood Recreation Ground charity whose trustees are the Parish Council. This charity was established by the Inclosure Award in 1842. It is good that this complex matter has at last been finalised. Long may the Cricket Club continue to flourish!

The Parish Council noted that some potholes in the parish have been repaired and others marked and identified for repair. Our County Councillor commented on the scale of pothole repairs throughout the county following the severe weather during this winter. Transport for Buckinghamshire are overwhelmed with the large numbers and are working flatout to remedy the worst. Main roads obviously have priority. A recent press release from the County Council noted that in the whole county 835 serious potholes were reported in January, 898 in February and 1,156 in March. The daily pothole repair average is 90. The County Council are due to vote for an additional programme of spending to repair roads before the end of April. Anyone can report potholes and other road defects by following the links at <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/road-maintenance-and-repairs/potholes/>

It was good to learn that the County Council have added to their work programme the provision of a handrail on the bridge over the ditch to the footpath from Pilch Lane going towards Adstock. They also intend to carry out some repairs to the bridge on the footpath from Church Lane to Singleborough and also to make access to the bridge easier.

The theme of many of the other items on the agenda this month was community activity :-

- The Parish Council considered resilience planning and noted what has already done by the WI through its involvement with the Buckinghamshire County Council and Milton Keynes emergency planning unit. The Parish Council hopes to be able to build on this work so that in the event of a major event - or even just being cut off by snow - there can be a co-ordinated response by and for the community.
- The Parish Council also noted that plans are afoot for the refurbishment of the Village Hall. Any work is likely to be done in phases depending on the availability of funds and grants. Roof repairs are likely to be the initial phase.
- Planning to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 in November continues.

Information about all these matters will be on hand at the Annual Parish Meeting on 30 April.

For a more comprehensive report of the recent 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 the Clerk or any Councillor. We are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which there is always a public participation period. The next meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 14 May 2018 in the Village Hall

Mary Saunders

Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council  
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I will re-re-re-re- mention that white lines on village roads are there for a reason and parking on them is inconsiderate to other road users. Common sense and courtesies are needed to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Please remember to park thoughtfully in the village. Thank you.



**UPDATES**

- We have one new volunteer for speed watch – **Thank you**. More are needed especially when the weather improves and we can get out more often. Contact Jane

**W.I. News**



The April meeting was our annual dinner. We enjoyed a lovely meal in the village hall catered for by Sara from the Crown. Our members dressed in purple and green to commemorate the Suffragette movement.

Our May meeting will be a talk by Daphne Preece on “Quilting the North Bucks Way”

Our next outing in May is to Chavenage House, near Tetbury, used in the filming of Poldark.

If you would like to come along to a meeting you would be very welcome. Please contact Angela Mayne 715400 or Monica 711915



Holland on 01296 715704 or email [jhghpc@icloud.com](mailto:jhghpc@icloud.com).

- The Spring Lane junction survey has hit a snag. Due to the unexpected traffic control on Winslow Road and poor weather, more work will need to be done on statistics. This may mean a repeat traffic census but we are waiting to hear.
- County Councillor John Chilver advised the PC that there will be more money in the kitty for potholes this year so keep reporting them (<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-It-Pothole.aspx>). The B4033 is checked every 4 weeks by Transport for Bucks and the worst are marked with white paint but TfB have a huge backlog so cannot say when they will get to ours.
- Please keep dogs under close control around sheep and lambs. Two lambs have been killed this year so it is always a very good idea to be cautious around livestock. No doggie excrement in occupied fields please. It is very bad for the diners when mixed with their usual diet of lush green grass.
- One or two hedges around the village are getting out of hand, so I am afraid I will have to write some polite letters to request action. Please check your hedges. If they are encroaching on the pavement (bottom or top) it could be you. Thank you for your co-operation.

*Mandy Cliffe*

*Parish Clerk Great Horwood*

*clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk 01296 715829*

**CAN ANYONE HELP PLEASE?**

*from Jane Holland*

**MISSING . . .**

THE DAILY MAIL offers readers a unique opportunity to re-establish contact with long-lost relatives and friends. Each week, MONICA PORTER features the story of someone trying to find a missing loved one, as well as a tale of people reunited. This column is produced in conjunction with the voluntary tracing service, Searching For A Memory, run by Gill and John Whitley.

'I'D LOVE to find my friend Barbara Matthews,' says Diane Lloyd, nee Coombs. 'We were teenagers in the village of Great Horwood, Buckinghamshire, between 1958 and 1963. 'We did everything together — we were Girl Guides, rang the church bells, sang in the choir and were confirmed at the same time. 'Barbara, who had two brothers Gerald and David, loved Tommy Steele and we'd sing his hit Little White Bull walking to the bus stop. 'I left the village to go to college in 1963, while she went to another school and then worked in a bank. After that we lost touch. 'I have been told she stayed in the village for a while, married a man called Ray Green and had a child, but attempts to find her over the years have been fruitless. 'I live in Exmouth, Devon, and am 71. I have only one picture of Barbara, taken at a village concert in 1961. With three girls we performed as St Trinian's schoolgirls. 'Barbara is sitting on the floor on the left, next to her is Christine Whitehall, standing behind her is Phyllis Case, and I am standing on the right wearing glasses.'





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Please send your thoughts and opinions to:  
FAO Mrs Paula Shaw office@greathorwoodschool.org  
or contact the office on 01296 712622.  
Consultation ends: 21st May 2018

We look forward to hearing from you  
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GREAT HORWOOD 5K MAD MARCH HARE

Sunday 25th March was a miraculous day - no rain and the sun even made a rare appearance! Approximately 130 runners took part in the annual Mad March Hare 5k. There was a big crowd of supporters along the High Street cheering the competitors on and a lots of people in the hall too enjoying the refreshments laid on by the School PTA. Thanks to the sponsors Red Eye Events and to all the local businesses and people who gave raffle prizes - there were over 20 prizes! Contributors include Co-Op, Londis, Waitrose, One-Stop, Lloyds Pharmacy. Thanks also to Jan Moore who knitted some prizes and "Hasty the Hare" who was awarded to the youngest runner from the School, William Davis. Yet again, there were some amazing running times. Pilch Lane is known as one of the toughest 5k routes in the area, so a great achievement for all who

took part. Thanks also to all Marshalls and helpers on the day and to Gary Lee who did his usual sterling job of entering the runners on the laptop in the hall so that everyone's time could be seen on the projector.

Winners :-

- Male - Trevor Poole
- Female- Tanya Cronin
- M U16 - James Grimditch
- F U16 - Rhianne Rush
- M U12 - James Conquest
- F U12 - Simone Sherwood
- M U9 - Alex Cheshire
- F U9 - Sophia Sherwood
- Fastest Villager - Tom Brazier

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Tuesday 8th May - Vist Coton Manor House - Beautiful 5-acre bluebell wood, and a lovely 10-acre garden with Water garden to explore. £15.00 includes entrance.

Thursday 10th May - Westcroft Shopping\* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pickups. Ring to book.

EVERY Friday and Saturday - Aylesbury Bus. Departs Winslow 9.15am, village pickups, free with bus or just £4.50 return from Winslow. Ring for details.

Tuesday 15th May - Cotswold Lunch & drive, with pub lunch in Stow-on-the-Wold. £8.00 travel.

Thursday 17th May - Cotswold Lunch & drive - lunch at Fox Inn Broadwell. £8.00 travel.

Thursday 24th May - Westcroft Shopping\* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.

Tuesday 29th May - Visit Frosts Garden Centre - ( OAP lunch only £7.95 for 2 courses!) £5.00 (replaces advertised trip to Thame).

Thursday 31st May - Stratford -upon Avon - shopping or a day by the river, £7.00

Tuesday 5th June - Buckingham Bus - 1 hour town, 1 hour Tesco. Door to door, bus pass accepted, otherwise only £4.50 return.

Monday 11th June - Asda in MK1 Shopping, also M&S, H&M, Primark etc £4.00

Thursday 14th June - Westcroft Shopping\* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.

Tuesday 26th June - Hidcote Manor & Kiftsgate Gardens - 2 amazing Arts & Crafts Gardens in the Cotswolds. Travel £10.00. Entrance: Hidcote: £12.70 NT members free, Kiftsgate £8.50. This trip is also being run from Buckingham Garden Centre on Monday 9th July, to be booked through Winslow Bus.

Thursday 28th June - Westcroft Shopping\* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.

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### **Shows in 2018**

Wed 16th May -Summer Holiday - all Cliff's hits - 'Travelling Light', 'Bachelor Boy', 'Move It', 'Living Doll', 'The Young Ones', etc etc!  
Circle H £24.50 22/2/18

Wed 26th September 2018! War Horse - Circle D £50.00

### **LIVE STREAMING FROM COVENT GARDEN**

**These MUST be booked well in advance.** They average about 3hrs running time with intervals. Start time:6.30pm, 7pm or 7.15pm.

Per show: Adults: £28.00 Seniors: £26.00 door to door service.

#### **Programme**

- Thursday 3rd May -Royal Ballet - Manon Kenneth MacMillan's powerful telling of Manon and Des Grieux's tragic love is a masterpiece of modern ballet, set to music by Massenet.
- Thurs 10 May - National Theatre Live - Macbeth Shakespeare's most intense and terrifying tragedy, directed by Rufus Norris (The Threepenny Opera, London Road), will see Rory Kinnear (Young Marx, Othello) and Anne-Marie Duff (Oil, Suffragette) return to the National Theatre.
- Wed 16th May -An American In Paris -from London's West End this breathtakingly beautiful Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, inspired by the Oscar winning MGM film, tells the impassioned story of discovering love in the 'City of Light'.
- Tuesday 5th June - Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Husband -A new production of the Rolls-Royce of English comedies will be broadcast live to cinemas from the Vaudeville Theatre in London's West End.
- Tuesday 12th June - Swan Lake The Royal Ballet presents a new production of Tchaikovsky's magnificent classical ballet, with additional choreography by Liam Scarlett and designs by John Macfarlane.
- Tuesday 9th October - Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest, A new production of one of the funniest plays in English, will be broadcast live to cinemas from the Vaudeville Theatre in London's West End.

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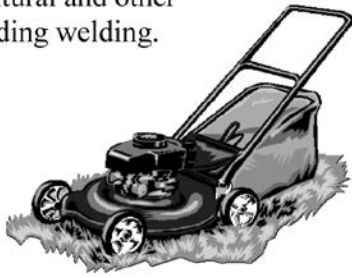
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The Return journey leaves Vicarage Road, Winslow at 11.45 and arrives back in Gt. Horwood at 11.51.

**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.

- The bus picks up from St James' Church at 09.30am and arrives in Aylesbury at 10.10.

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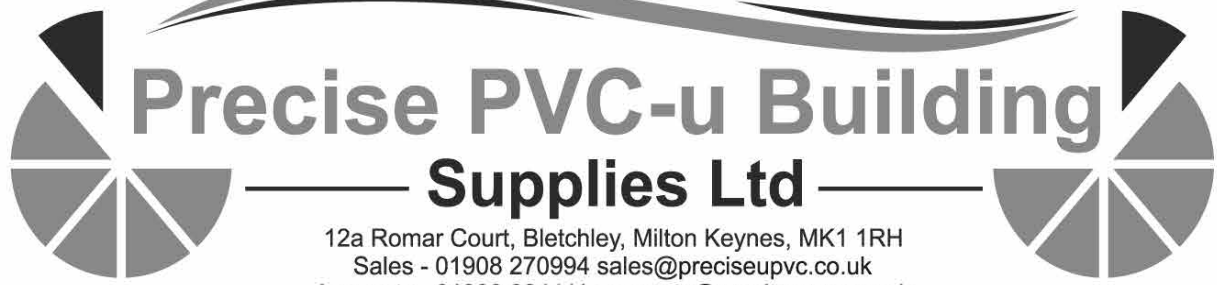
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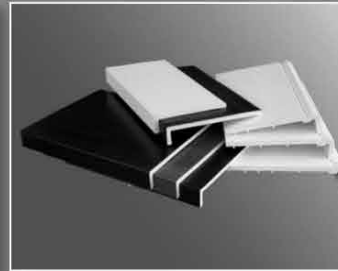
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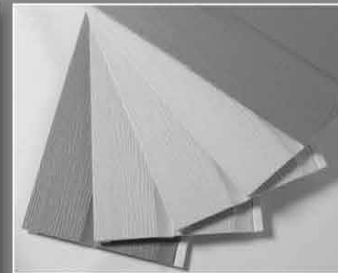
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See the website at [www.brunopeek.co.uk/Battles-Over-Guide.pdf](http://www.brunopeek.co.uk/Battles-Over-Guide.pdf))

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,*

*We will remember them.*

**GREAT HORWOOD** will be marking the event:

- There will be a beacon lighting ceremony on the evening of Sunday 11th November.
- The village hall has been booked for Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th November.
- There will be an exhibition of remembrance and memorabilia in the village hall.
- The Great Horwood Silver band will be giving a short concert of wartime music on Sunday evening in the village hall.
- The WI will provide refreshments.
- The bells of St James will ring on Sunday evening.
- The Lych Gate of the church will be decorated with poppies.
- Local residents are knitting and crocheting poppies for an art work

Our thanks to those who have already offered help with this event. There will be a public meeting in the next few weeks to form a working party, to co-ordinate ideas and to look at new ones, especially as to how we can involve the children of the village. Please look out for notices.