

ANNUAL PLANT SALE Monday 31st May



Who Remembers those Carefree Days Back in 2019 as seen above?

Subject to Government Guidelines in force at the time, after last year's socially distanced event, we will be back more like normal with our annual plant sale on Monday 31st May.

The Sale will be at 8 High Street Great Horwood (opposite the church) between 10.00 and 12.00 and from 1.00 to 3.00 with all funds raised for the Church Roof Appeal.

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Church Times

All our services are at 11.00 on Sundays. We will be complying with government guidelines on social distancing, hand sanitizing, maintaining records of attendance and wearing face masks during the service but we have included singing a hymn socially distanced outside at the end of the service subject to the weather conditions.

All are Welcome, David Brazier & June Margerrison, Churchwardens

GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Hall continues to be open every Wednesday from 9.30 to 11.00 when our friendly travelling Post Office visits and provides a wide range of services.

We have received a couple of enquiries for future bookings but unfortunately are still unable to give an official date for reopening without restricted numbers.

The Election day on 6th May will give the opportunity for newcomers to the village to see the inside of the Hall and consider whether they might be interested in hiring.

The hire charges are listed on the Parish Council web site under Village Hall and offer significant discounts for regular bookings.

lan Lamberton

01296 715968

GREAT HORWOOD SCOUT GROUP

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AND

We would welcome any 18+ who would like volunteer with us in any of the roles

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Assistant Section Leader

Section Leader

We will be commencing face to face meetings as from

Tuesday 20th April for Beavers

Wednesday 21st April for Cubs.

Friday 23rd April for Scouts

All socially distanced and risk assessed. (15 young People to 5 Adults Indoors only).

If you would like to find out more about any of the sections then please contact

Yvonne Taylor MInstLM

Group Scout Leader

07931 585926,

adcbandc@uwclub.net

MAY 2021 DIARY				
Wed	5	Bins: Green and food bins		
Thu	6	Local Elections - Village Hall		
Sun	9	Litter Pick - The Green 10am		
Tues	11	Bins: Blue, Brown and food bins		
Tues	18	Bins: Green and food bins		
Tues	25	Bins: Blue, Brown and food bins		
Mon	31	Plant Sale - 8 High Street		

GREAT HORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH WI

Our guest speaker for our April meeting was Jane Powell, CEO and co-founder of the charity Medi-SOS. It was started in 2016 and they give away grab bags which help the emergency services find the information they need when called to an emergency.

We have more Zoom meetings planned for the next couple of months until we can hopefully meet outside for a meeting. Please see the poster on back page for details of our next speaker Peter Hague talking on Life as a Film and TV extra.

Anyone is welcome to come along to one of our meetings, with no obligation. You would be very welcome. Please contact Angela Mayne on 715400 or angela.mayne@ googlemail.com

Sally Ahern

WINSLOW BOWLS CLUB

We are based right in the Heart of Winslow with free parking and surrounded by the beautiful Tomkins Park and Arboretum.

Our green has been refurbished to a high standard and we will be recommencing outdoor bowling from 24th April with suitable Covid restrictions in place.

Bowls is a great game and provides a competitive sport in a very social atmosphere and gives plenty of opportunity for gentle exercise throughout the summer months and is recommended by the Government's Chief Medical Officer.

If you are a new bowler we will be offering free membership for this season and we have plenty of sets of bowls available to get you started, so you have got nothing to lose by having a go.

We also have four English Bowls Association trained coaches to get you started.

Practice sessions known as "Roll Ups" will take place every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm so it's easy to come and give it a go.

We welcome everyone, young or old, to discover why our current members love to play the game, in our beautiful surroundings.

The only requirement is that you need to wear a pair of flat soled footwear.

Any questions, please phone me on 01296 711915 or our Club Secretary Victor on 01296 714026 or just turn up on any Thursday afternoon.

John Gilbey

WINSLOW AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS GROUP

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RECIPES

from Sara Walsh

A couple of flavour burst recipes, to keep on hand for meal times in the garden. Both very versatile and will store in the fridge for a while.

Homemade vinaigrette

it keeps for 1 to 2 weeks in the fridge, so it's worth the 5 minutes it takes to mix it up. Worth it for all your salad needs.

The traditional French vinaigrette formula calls for 1 tablespoon vinegar for every 3 tablespoons olive oil. Modern vinaigrettes often call for a bit more vinegar than that, but it's always up to you. Kale salads can tolerate more zingy dressings, while you'll want to use less vinegar for mild greens like rocket and romaine lettuce.

Ingredients

- 9 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons vinegar of choice (balsamic vinegar, red wine vinegar, white wine vinegar)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup or honey
- 2 medium cloves garlic, pressed or minced
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Method

- In a cup or bowl, combine all of the ingredients. Stir well with a small whisk or a fork until the ingredients are completely mixed together.
- 2. Taste, and adjust as necessary. If the mixture is too acidic, thin it out with a bit more olive oil or balance the flavours with a little more maple syrup or honey. If the mixture is a little bland add another pinch or two of salt. If it doesn't have enough zing, add vinegar by the teaspoon. Go with your taste buds !!
- 3. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate for future use. Homemade vinaigrette keeps well for 7 to 10 days. If your vinaigrette solidifies somewhat in the fridge, don't worry about it—real olive oil tends to do that. Simply let it rest at room temperature for 5 to 10 minutes or microwave very briefly (about 20 seconds) to liquify the olive oil again. Whisk to blend and serve.

A cheese & citrus crumb

It can be tossed into a roast chicken salad or throw it into some warm pasta stir and serve.

It's really tasty added to some pork mince for meatballs, or mixed with breadcrumbs to coat some chicken. ... my go to recipe for a lovely little pot of flavour to perk up many dishes.

Ingredients

- 200gms Parmesan grated or shavings
- 1tsp picked Thyme leaves
- 1 tsp shredded sage leaves
- 1 tsp fresh parsley chopped
- 5 cloves grated garlic
- Large pinch black pepper
- 1 lemon zested
- 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Method

• Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Store in a container in the fridge.

HOME GROWERS REQUIRED:

Are you a keen home gardener or do you have an allotment and may like to collaborate on the recipe page.? If so you could offer veggie patch hints & tips and what's in season ready for cooking. I can then come up with seasonal recipes? Just get in touch via email to editor@ghfocus.com and sarajwalsh@hotmail.co.uk



Winslow Community Bus

wdcbenquiries@btconnect.com Tel: 01296 715786

Scheduled Service Update

We are now running our Wednesday Winslow Market Service, and from 16th April our Friday & Saturday Aylesbury Market Service.

Due to government restrictions, and the need to keep yourselves and our drivers safe, we have put in place strict guidelines for our drivers and passengers.

To comply with current 1 metre + social distancing, we have removed some seats as we are only able to transport 6 passengers at any one time. It will also be impossible to use the tail lift while maintaining a socially safe distance, so you will need to be able to board the bus unaided using the main door.

We are providing this limited service on the strict understanding that passengers travel entirely at their own risk. While we have made every effort to make the bus as safe as possible to travel in, we ask that all passengers follow the below guidelines:

- Your place on the journey must be pre-booked by calling the WDCB Coordinator on 07483 336440
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Passengers are not to travel on the bus if they or any member of their household are displaying any signs of the COVID-19 virus.

Should you develop COVID-19 symptoms in the days following your journey on the bus, you must let the WDCB Coordinator know.

Our aim is to restart all of our scheduled routes over the coming months.

Excursions and hires remain suspended for the foreseeable future.

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GREAT HORWOOD CRICKET CLUB

The club held its AGM via Zoom on Thursday 8th April, making decisions on the direction for the club going forwards, with the election of officers and the club executive committee in place to lead the club towards its aims of providing opportunities for anyone in the local area to play/spectate cricket matches in a friendly and sociable environment.

The playing season is rapidly approaching us, with the first Four Counties Cricket League matches commencing on Saturday 1st May. Preceding this, the club will be playing 2 pre-season warm up matches, both away, on Saturday 24th April at Gawcott CC and on Sunday 25th April at Stony Stratford CC.

Under current ECB COVID guidelines, spectators are allowed to attend these matches, provided the Groups of 6 rules are adhered to. As ever, we look forward to seeing villagers and other interested parties following the 2 Saturday teams.

Fixtures for May

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Date	1st XI Opponent	Venue
1st May	Soulbury	Home
8th May	Thurleigh	Away
15th May	Westcroft	Home
22nd May	New Bradwell	Away
29th May	Elstow	Home
2nd XI Oppone	ent	Venue
2nd XI Oppone 1st May	e nt Lidlington	Venue Away
1st May	Lidlington	Away
1st May 8th May	Lidlington Thurleigh II	Away Home
1st May 8th May 15th May	Lidlington Thurleigh II Cublington	Away Home Away

The club is also exploring the possibility of taking part in a Milton Keynes based Midweek League. If this comes to fruition, we will publish any fixtures in futures editions of Focus.

Whilst full access to the clubhouse will continue to be restricted by ongoing COVID restrictions, we will be able to re-open the bar using a system where we take orders at the door, with customers in a socially distanced external queue. Your order will then be brought back to you at the door. In this way, it will enable us to both play cricket and also enjoy the essential social aspect after matches.

New cricket shirts bearing the logo of our generous sponsors, Marine & Cargo, have been ordered and we are looking forward to seeing all players wearing these for the start of the season.

Running a cricket club is expensive, so we are always looking at ways to supplement our income. Club members have initiated a sponsorship programme whereby local companies/businesses can place a board/banner on the fencing around the ground to advertise themselves. We can provide a banner, designed to your requirements, which we will place in a prominent position around the ground and visible to anyone coming into the ground. In the first year, we are looking for a contribution of £100, if we provide the board/banner, or £50 if you provide your own. Subsequent years would be renewable at an annual cost of £50. If you are willing to help your local club in this sponsorship deal, please either speak to Stuart Parker or Neil Taylor.

Whilst an enormous amount of work and effort has gone into preparing the club for the start of competitive cricket, there are still a small number of tasks to complete to enable us to get things up to the standard we set ourselves. Members have been busy mowing the outfield, preparing the wicket, repairing the sightscreens and covers, whilst contractors have been cleaning and tidying up the artificial wicket and spring cleaning the clubhouse.

Having an umpire for all 1st XI matches is a requirement of the FCCL, and due to kind offers from existing League Umpires we have managed to fill a few vacant dates. Duncan Hogston, a club member and stalwart of GHCC for many years has very generously put his name forward to umpire 10 of these matches; Thanks Duncan! We still have 3 vacant dates and if anyone is willing to stand as umpire for us, please contact us.

We are still looking for new playing members to join us and to ensure we can put out 2 full sides each weekend. Anybody who wishes to join the club will be very welcome, irrespective of their capabilities as a cricketer. We are a true village club with a strong social focus, that provides good quality cricket opportunities.

Even if you do not have playing aspirations, you are also welcome to join the club as a Social Member, using the club's bar facilities whilst watching cricket on a warm summer's day.

If you are interested in playing for the club or to be our umpire please contact John Goodger in the first instance. Email address is johngoodger@hotmail.com

WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY MAY 2021 REPORT

Although the Winslow and District Art Society hasn't been able to meet as usual due to Lockdown restrictions we have been active behind the scenes in arranging zoom demonstrations, get togethers, and also planning for the future.

A number of online demonstrations have taken place involving artists such as Catherine Beale, watercolour, and Mark Warner, acrylics. These have been well received and Zoom gives us the opportunity to invite artists from further afield. We have also had a number of 'coffee mornings' for our members which has enabled everyone to have a chat and show their latest works.

We are planning to start our normal Art sessions in Winslow and Padbury as soon as we are allowed in the Summer, but are also arranging some Plein Air sessions as well. Although our usual May exhibition was cancelled, we are hoping that the November one will continue as usual.

It has been a very frustrating time for everyone concerned but we are doing our best to involve our members with our plans for the future. If you would like to know more about the Society please look at our website www.winslowart.org. uk.

For more information you can contact :

Treasurer	: Jackie Chambers	01296 713607
Chair	: Maureen Barnes	01280 815691
Secretary	: John Beckerleg	01280 816932

SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council is very aware that speeding in the village is a concern for many residents. There are measures we have taken that are already in use and several avenues we have explored. This note will hopefully explain some of the issues around the various speed reduction measures.



MVAS (Movable Vehicle Activated Sign)

The Parish Council owns one of these devices and it can be mounted in 6 positions in the parish as follows Winslow Road, Singleborough, 2 in Nash Road and 2 in Little Horwood Road.

The main purpose of the device is to warn drivers when they are exceeding the speed limit. The device also records the number of vehicles passing it and the speed of each vehicle. It does not record the registration number of the vehicles. Data can be downloaded and analysed to get a picture of the number of vehicles passing the device and the range of speeds at which they were travelling. This data can be useful in identifying the places where other means could possibly be used to prosecute the speeding drivers. The device is operated by volunteers who move it from place to place as required, change the batteries and analyse the data.

Community Speedwatch

The parish has a Sentinel device which is shared with other local parishes. It has to be operated by a team of volunteers who place the device in suitable locations. It then records the speed and the registration eding vehicles

number of speeding vehicles.

In the past this information on a memory stick was then taken to a volunteer in the police office in Winslow who arranged for warning letters to go out to speeding motorists and on further offences they could be fined and have points on their licence. Unfortunately it has not been possible to use Speedwatch during the pandemic but we have just been informed that it can be used again from 18th April. However the local police constable has advised us that there are currently no trained volunteers to transfer the data on to the Thames Valley Police (TVP) system. Later in the year we hope get an upgrade which will enable us to send the data direct to TVP over the internet for them to deal with the offending motorists.

In both of the above activities there are opportunities for VOLUNTEERS so why not contact the Parish Clerk and offer your services.

Thames Valley Police Detector Vans.

I am sure that you are familiar with these but the Parish Council has no say in when and where they are deployed and receives no information back from TVP on the results of their actions.



Changing a speed limit

Speed limits on local roads are controlled by Buckinghamshire Council. Their policy is on their website and is as follows:

"A countywide review of speed limits for all public roads in Buckinghamshire was completed in 2012. The roads were assessed and new speed limits were installed. As a result, we are not currently funding any further speed limit changes across the county." It is possible to get speed limits changed with the approval of Buckinghamshire Council if the road layout changes. Thames Valley Police need to approve the proposals and the whole consultation process costs £10,000. The extension of the speed limit in Little Horwood Road is an example of this.

Bucks Highway Authority requested that a condition for the approval of the Croudace site south of Little Horwood Road was the extension of the 30mph limit to beyond the site. The funding for the consultation on this was paid for by Croudace Homes as part of their S106 obligations, and it has now been implemented.

Nash Road

Speeding in Nash Road has long been a concern for residents there. The 2012 review resulted in a speed limit of 40 mph being put in place from the 30mph limit up to the A421 but residents want the 30mph limit extended to the end of the village and the change was supported by Buckinghamshire Councillors and Greg Smith MP.

A petition was set up and supported by 53 residents. It was submitted to the Winslow and Villages Community Board meeting in September 2020, and they referred it to the Head of Highways in Buckinghamshire Council. He refused to accept the proposal as it didn't meet the Department for Transport criteria for a 30mph speed limit. He also said that the collision history in Nash Road showed just one slight reported injury collision in the last 10 years.

This report was referred to the Roads and Highways subgroup of the Winslow and Villages Community Board but no further actions were deemed available. The Parish Council is particularly concerned that when the new development in Nash Road is completed the speed limit where the residents will have to cross the road at the entrance to the site is 40mph. Despite meetings with Bucks Highway Authority and representations to the Planning Department they have refused to take any action.

Traffic calming measures

The report in response to the petition suggested that alternative calming measures should be considered. Even assuming that approval could be obtained for these, they are very expensive and would have to be funded by the Parish. Some residents have suggested that speed bumps would help reduce speed in the village. These are not always popular with residents living nearby because of the noise, and the cost is in the region of £40,000 plus the cost of necessary streetlights. This would have to be funded by the Parish.

The gateway and dragons' teeth that has been installed at the beginning of the 30mph speed limit in Little Horwood Road was funded by the developers, Croudace Homes and High Street Homes. Were the Parish Council to fund such a scheme, the cost would be in the region of £13,000.

The guidance emphasises that horizontal measures should be considered before vertical ones such as speed bumps. One such measure is a coloured stretch of road with the word SLOW in it. Even this simple measure would cost approximately £5,000.

Any measures such as this would need to be funded by the Parish Council from an increase in the precept or by seeking grants from other bodies.

Note. The costs illustrated above were obtained from a document published by Buckinghamshire Council in July 2020 entitled "A Guide for the Implementation of Traffic Calming Measures"

PARISH PUMP



LOCAL ELECTIONS Parish Council

You will no doubt be aware that Local Elections are taking place on 6th May. As

usual, the Polling Station for Great Horwood will be the Village Hall. Every effort will be made to ensure this is a safe environment during these uncertain times. Please make sure you wear your mask and bring your own pen/pencil.

YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

Applications to stand as a Parish Councillor for Great Horwood has now closed, the deadline being 8th April. There were seven candidates and this was therefore an uncontested election. Your new Parish Council from 6th May will be John Gilbey, Caroline Cousin, Angela Mayne, Jackie Goss, David Taylor, Robert Davies and Gavin Laird.

LITTER PICK - a date for your diary SUNDAY 9th MAY, **STARTING AT 10am 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. Being outside allows us to social distance as this is still a requirement at this time, but of course we will keep up to date with Government guidelines in the weeks ahead.

LED LIGHTING IN GREAT HORWOOD



You will be pleased to know that the installation of the new LED lamps has been completed. The maintenance charges will be much lower therefore making considerable savings.

We are glad that the village can 'do their bit' to reduce our carbon footprint.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

We are all aware of speeding traffic entering our village. The



Parish Council do have a device that will record speeding cars but it does need a team of volunteers to man it. Due to Government guidelines over the past year, we were not permitted to use it so now is the perfect time to be trained up and be a visible presence. A short training session will

be required, but nothing onerous. Please contact me if you would be interested in getting involved.

RECENT RESULTS OF THE MVAS (MOBILE VEHICLE **ACTIVATED SIGN)**

Since the easing of Covid restrictions, the MVAS is now back in use. At the time of writing, the MVAS has been monitoring the speed of traffic in Little Horwood Road in both directions: travelling from The Green (outgoing, 6 days) and from the direction of Little Horwood (incoming, 7 days).

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countec	l speed	speed	average
	@ 85%	recorded	volume
Outgoing 2374	27.4mph	1 @ 40-45mph	388
		3 @ 35-40mph	
Incoming 3181	29.6mph	9 @ 40-45mph	454
		49 @ 35-40mph	
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Percentile average speed means that 85% of traffic was less than 27.4mph and 29.6mph and 15% of traffic was more than 27.4mph and 29.6mph. Since the MVAS does not tell us which vehicles record which speed, we cannot ignore the possibility that the high speeds were recorded by emergency vehicles.

THANK YOU, MICK WOOD for all your hard work moving the MVAS, downloading the data, sharing it with the Parish Council and more recently publishing it on the village Facebook page. I know lots of residents are concerned about speed and it's good to see the evidence. Over the coming weeks, the MVAS will be on the move more regularly, facing both directions at each position before being returned to Winslow Road.

WELCOME TO GREAT HORWOOD

A big welcome to our new residents! There have been



many people moving in and out recently. We hope you are settling in and enjoying our lovely village community. Would you like to receive a Welcome Pack? This has recently been updated and includes information on village

organisations, the School, Pub, Church and the local area. Please contact John Gilbey by email on johnwgilbeypc@ gmail.com

The date of the next meeting is usually the second Monday in each month apart from January and August. The regulations that allow local authorities to hold meetings remotely will end on 7th May. At the time of writing, we are awaiting Government guidance on holding face-toface meetings. Two possible dates for the next meeting, which is the Annual Parish Council meeting are Monday 10th May or Monday 17th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Once a date has been decided, a poster will be put on the noticeboard and a message posted on the village Facebook page as usual. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website e-voice. org.uk/ghpc/

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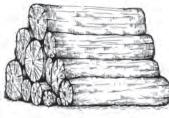
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After hearing on the radio that the RSPCA were struggling due to being overwhelmed animals with after lockdown, Tayla Godwin decided to try and help them by holding an amazing cake sale with lots of delicious cakes and biscuits made with the help of Grandma Pat and Nanny Julie, was hoping she to raise at least £50 to help the animals but instead raised a massive £350. Thank you so much to everyone who supported her and donated.



