



The Fallen Of World War I: The Men We Commemorate

Like most English villages, Great Horwood lost a number of its young men in the Great War, the "War To End All Wars". In giving their lives these men earned our undying gratitude. Accordingly, Great Horwood's casualties are commemorated on two memorials, one in the High Street and one inside the Parish Church of St James. Sadly, there are some discrepancies between the two memorials. What is more, for a number of years the distinction between those who served in World War I but survived and those who died was forgotten, the entire list of names on the High Street memorial being read out on Remembrance Day as if they were all casualties.

Now that Remembrance Day is again approaching, it is time we knew more of these ordinary but heroic men from the Great Horwood of almost 100 years ago. Accordingly I have delved into the records to find out who the people were behind those bare initials, and to attempt to resolve the differences between the two village memorials. Many records are missing and some diligent detective work has been needed to fill in the gaps. Here are the results so far:

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First to make the ultimate sacrifice was **Joseph Henry Clarke**. Aged just 22 and a private in the Coldstream Guards, he died on 26 January 1915 of wounds sustained on the Western Front and is buried at Beuvry, France. He was a horseman on a farm and lived at Vine Cottage, Singleborough with his parents Emmanuel and Louisa Clarke.

Percival Jonah George was killed in action at Gallipoli, Turkey on 21 August 1915 while serving with the Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars. He has no known grave. Percival was the son of Jonah and Mary Ann George and worked on his parents' farm, now known as Great Furze House, Pilch Lane. Although only 21 when killed, Percival left £360 4s 4d, equivalent to about £32,000 today.

Cecil Thomas James Hancock died on active service on 25 June 1916 at the age of 26 and is buried in Bordighera British Cemetery near San Remo, Italy. Cecil had been in the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry but at the time of his death was a private in the Gloucestershire Regiment. Before enlisting, Cecil was a farm labourer, the son of Thomas James and Sarah Hancock of Wigwell, Great Horwood.

Ernest William Ridgway was killed on 9 April 1917 in the Battle of Arras, France, and is buried at Tilloy British Cemetery near Arras. A private in the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry, he was 22 years old. Ernest was a farm labourer and lived at The Common, Great Horwood with his parents Reuben and Ann Amelia Ridgway.

Alfred George Willmer is incorrectly recorded in the High Street as "A.C. Willmer" and does not appear on the St James memorial. He was the son of Alfred Emerton Willmer, the Great Horwood miller, and his wife Mildred Martha, later of Hampstead. Killed in action on 14 April 1917 at the age of 19, he was a rifleman in the 1st/9th Battalion, London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles) and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France.

Harry Hall died of his wounds on the Western Front in France on 30 April 1917. Aged 26, Harry was the son of Samuel and Emma Jane Hall, had worked as a cowman on a farm, and lived at Singleborough. He had originally enlisted in the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry, but had transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as a private. He is buried at Wimereux, France.

William Thomas Marks died of wounds in Salonika (Thessaloniki), Greece on 17 May 1917 and is buried there. He was a corporal in the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry, aged 21. William was a cowman on a farm, the son of Jabez and Sarah Marks of Wigwell, Great Horwood.

Arthur George Marks, serving as a shoeing smith in the Royal Buckinghamshire Hussars, was killed in action in Palestine on 13 November 1917 at the age of 26, and is buried in Ramleh War Cemetery near Tel-Aviv, Israel. He too had been a cowman on a farm, and was the son of Mark and Emma Marks of Winslow Road, Great Horwood.

Harry Hancock, a private in the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry and the eldest brother of Cecil Thomas James Hancock, was killed in action on 23 March 1918 aged 23. He has no known grave but is commemorated at the Pozières Memorial on the Somme, France. Harry was a farm labourer. His name appears on the High Street memorial but not as a casualty (i.e. not marked with a dagger †), and in some records as "Herbert".

Edward Jordan is recorded as a casualty on the memorial inside St James but not in the High Street. In 1911 his elderly parents, Samuel and Helen Jordan, were living at Ivy Cottage, Great Horwood having moved there from North London. Edward served in the 7th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment and by the time he was killed in action on 9 April 1918 aged 29 or 30 had attained the rank of Captain. He is commemorated at the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium but has no known grave.

Bertie Royce was killed in action on 12 April 1918 but has no known grave. A private in the Coldstream Guards, he is also commemorated at the Ploegsteert Memorial. Aged 22 or 23, he was a farm labourer and lived at The Green, Great Horwood, with his parents Henry and Harriet Alice Royce.

Stanley George Viccars, the son of William Anderson and Mary Barfoot Viccars of Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood emigrated to Australia in 1912. He enlisted there as a private in the 1st Battalion, Australian Infantry. He served two tours of duty on the Western Front, earning promotion to Second Lieutenant and then in May 1918 to Lieutenant. Aged 28, he was killed in action on 21 July 1918 and is buried at Hazebrouck, France.

Francis John Marks, a younger brother of William Thomas Marks, was a private in the Devonshire Regiment. He died aged 18 on 2 November 1918 at home in Great Horwood, and is buried in the churchyard of St James.

The sole unaccounted-for name is **J. Dell**. Recorded as a casualty on the High Street memorial but not in St James, his identity remains uncertain. In 1911 a David Dell was the landlord of the Six Lords at Singleborough and a Sarah Fanny Dell lived in Nash Road, but I have been unable to link J. Dell to either. [Research continues; readers of Focus may be able to help?](#)

Finally, the St James memorial contains the name of **John Chevallier**. He was not a soldier but the Rector of Great Horwood. Wishing to free up a younger man for war service, he volunteered to go to Giggleswick School in Yorkshire to teach mathematics, but was knocked down and killed there in 1917 by "a cyclist using lights obscured against aircraft".

There is a memorial plaque to World War II casualties in St James, but no public High Street memorial. 67 years after the war ended, is it not time Great Horwood honoured these casualties too?

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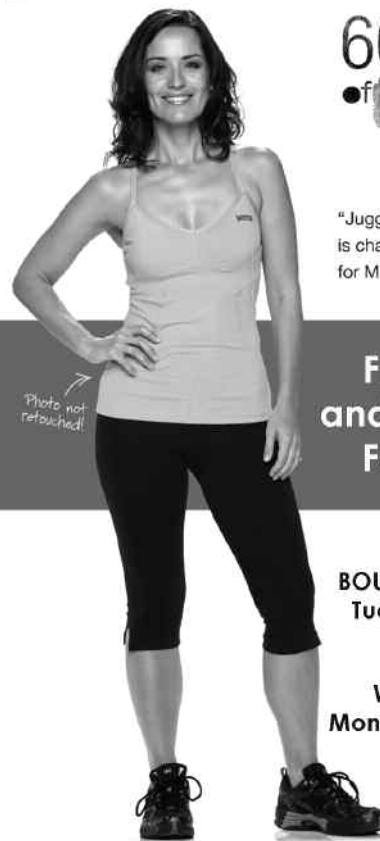
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4th Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	M Gilbey	J Brigden	B Brazier
11th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	S Hemphill	-	-
13th Nov	2.00pm	Sunbeams			
18th Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	S Martin	J Margerisson
25th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)		-	-
25th Nov	11.00am	Service of the Word	N Weir	C Finnemore	Clergy
2nd Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Martin	M Vincent

Please note that the Remembrance Sunday Service will start in St James' Church at 10.30am so we can observe the two minutes silence at the War Memorial at 11.00am in the usual way. As it is the second Sunday in the month, we will also be serving our breakfast of sausage and bacon rolls, fruit juices and coffee from 10.00am. All welcome.

Benefice Service

There will be a Benefice Advent Carol Service held in St Lawrence Church Winslow, on **2nd December at 6pm**.

All welcome.

Advent Workshop

The Advent Workshop this year will take place on **Saturday 1st December at 2pm** in the Scout Hut. There will be lots of Advent and Christmas based crafts for the children to make ranging from Advent Calendars, Christmas cards, candle making, table decorations and lots more. So if you are between the ages of 5 – 12 years, come along and have some fun! Children should be dropped off at the Scout Hut at 2pm and picked up at 4pm from St James' Church after a short service to mark the start of Advent. If you would like to attend the service, please arrive in Church by 3.45pm. Hope to see you there! For more details please contact Sue Brazier on 714712

Donations to FOCUS

Thank you to **Great Horwood Parish Council, Great Horwood Silver Band** and **David Bolton** for your generous donations to FOCUS.

Dean White

Sunbeams – change of time and THANK YOU to Sue Brazier



Sunbeams meet in St James church on the **second Tuesday of every month during school term time now at the slightly later time of 2.15pm**. All 0-5 year-olds and their parents/carers are very welcome to come along. We always have a story, sing a song and make something to take home. Then we have a cup of tea or squash and biscuits, finishing in time to collect older children from school. I shall now be running Sunbeams sessions because, unfortunately, Sue Brazier is no longer able to do so because of work commitments. Sue ran Sunbeams for 9 years and, on behalf of all the children and parents/carers who have come to Sunbeams during that time, I'd like to say "thank you" to Sue for all the fun we've had. I'd also like to thank Nancy Varney who continues to make our refreshments.

The next Sunbeams will be on **Tuesday 13th November at 2.15pm**. For more details, please give me a ring.

Clare Martin (01296 712034)

Road Closure

As in previous years, the main road through Great Horwood will be temporary closed on **Sunday 11th November 2012 between 10.45am and 11.15am**. This is for a wreath laying ceremony during the Remembrance Service at St James' Church, Great Horwood.

The road in question is as always, between The Swan Public House/Pilch Lane and the corner of Nash Road/Little Horwood Road.

Please could you try to avoid using your motor vehicles in this area at this time, as a mark of respect, as well as for the safety of the congregation of St James'.

Many thanks,

C.Finnemore, Secretary St James' PCC

Allotment Plot

One allotment plot has just become available in Church Lane. If you are interested in renting this out please contact Karen Francis on 712941.

Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

Get in the festive spirit by coming along to a senior citizens' Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 13th of December at 12.30** in the village hall. £6 to include delicious home cooked Christmas dinner with wine, free raffle & prezzie to take home. Limited numbers and need to pay in advance to guarantee place. Contact June Margerrison, 5 Wigwell Gardens. Tel. 714554.

Cleaners Needed!



St James' is looking for volunteers to join the Church cleaning rota. Can you spare a couple of hours every two months to help us keep the Church looking neat and tidy? Clean on your own or come with a friend.

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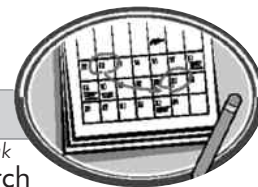
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Great Horwood Diary of Events 2012



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 11 Nov		As at 15.10.12 Please email additions to john@gilbey98.freemove.co.uk 10.30am Remembrance day Service St James Church
Sun 11 Nov	11.00am	Silver Band at the British Legion Remembrance Day parade in Winslow
Mon 12 Nov	3.30pm – 7.00pm	Great Horwood and Singleborough Conservation Area Reviews Exhibition in the Village Hall
Tue 13 Nov	7.30pm	W.I. Annual Meeting with talk from Irene Chittenden from the Women's Refuge in Milton Keynes.
Thu 29 Nov	7.30pm	W.I. Vegetarian Cookery demonstration with a Christmas twist by Alli Templeton in the village hall. Entry £4
Sun 2 Dec	3.00pm	Silver band Christmas Concert in the Village Hall
Sat 15 Dec	10.00am – 4.00pm	Silver Band plays at Tesco Buckingham
Sun 16 Dec	6.00pm	Annual Carol Service St James Church
Tue 18 Dec	From 6.00pm	Silver Band plays at Tesco Buckingham
Mon 24 Dec	4.00pm	Silver Band plays around the village



Great Horwood CE Combined School OPEN DAY – November 16th

Our open day for prospective parents is taking place on November 16th, commencing at 9am and finishing at 12pm.


Our Year 6 children will be conducting tours, with opportunities to meet and speak with the headteacher.

Paul Adams: Headteacher

Great Horwood Under 5's Stay and Play -

We are a small friendly group who meet Monday mornings (except bank holidays) 10am – 12 noon in the Village Hall. Children play safely and we have a well-deserved cuppa! Come along and see what we have to offer. You'll be assured of a warm welcome.

- 10am – 12noon every Monday in the Village Hall
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Now on  which lists the events and activities that are taking place.

*Claire Black: 07971 838527
Claire.Black61@googlemail.com*

Brownies

Great Horwood Brownies

We are delighted to welcome Debbie Buck to Brownies. Debbie joined us as Unit Helper in September and is now starting to train as a leader. We have a very full Brownie pack at the moment with several Rainbows due to come up to Brownies during the next 12 months so we are not currently able to take any more Brownies. There are Brownie Units in other neighbouring towns and villages so, if you have a daughter who is already aged 7 or over and would like to become a Brownie, you are much more likely to find a place for her at one of these Units. Please give me a ring if you would like me to put you in touch with the leaders.

Highlights of this term have included a brilliant evening pond-dipping at Jill and Dean White's home and an exciting visit to Hazard Alley at Milton Keynes Safety Centre. In December the Brownies will be attending the District Christingle service in Winslow.

Clare Martin (01296 712034)



Great Horwood School Fireworks Display - Saturday 3rd November

Once again, the Great Horwood School PTA are putting on a Fireworks Extravaganza!! As well as a spectacular display there will be a barbecue selling hotdogs and burgers, mulled wine and hot drinks, a children's sweet stall and a raffle with a great prize. Tickets can be bought in advance from Tracey Lee (tel: 712772) at £4 for an adult and £3 for a child, or on the evening at £5 and £3.50 respectively. This annual event is a great fundraiser for the village school and is a really fun event for all the family. Hope to see you all there!

Great Horwood School PTA

Great Horwood School Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 1st December

This year's Christmas Bazaar looks to be even bigger and better than before with stalls including Polka Dot Gallery offering great ceramic Christmas gifts, Truly Scumptious, Lakers Nursery (for your Christmas flower arrangements etc) and many more. We have a great luxury Christmas tombola, cakes and a fantastic raffle too. There will be refreshments for sale and Father Christmas will be making an appearance!! The Bazaar starts at 12 noon so make sure you get there early and bag yourself some great gifts and treats for Christmas. Why not invite friends and family too as all profits go to the School. We look forward to seeing you there.

Great Horwood School PTA



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Village Hall

Please feel free to visit the hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings. We have a good selection of books and jigsaws on display and these are free to borrow.

Regular Activities and Events:

Monday

- Mums with toddlers (under 5's) meet 10.00- 12.00 noon. Lots of toys to keep the children happy while mum meets other mums.
- Parish council meet Monday 12th Nov at 7.30pm.
- Every other Monday evening an excellent youth group meet - Lots to do.

Tuesday

- Second evening of the month WI meet at 7.30pm. Very good speakers, good value, make new friends.

Wednesday

- Visiting POST OFFICE 9.30am – 11.30am. Tea and coffee served 20p. Sit and pass the time of day. Sale table, Free range eggs. Hand made cards something a bit special. And visit the Library as there are books AND jigsaws to borrow.
- Silver Band rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

Thursday

- Start your day with V-FIT 9am till 10am. Sets you up for your weekend.
- Every other Thursday evening: whist drive, 7.15pm for a 7.30 start. £2 per person. Refreshment inc. Tuition available. Contact Jeannie on 713727 for info.

Friday

- Art and Craft group meet. Very social gathering. 10am till noon-ish! Tea and coffee and browse the books

The library and jigsaw swap has proved very successful. We are looking for more complete jigsaw's for our addicts.! I would collect if needed (tel: 713727) or bring them to our very pleasant coffee morning gathering on Wednesday and you would be made most welcome.

Jeannie Marshall



Great Horwood Past & Present

After eighteen months of preparation, 'GREAT HORWOOD PAST & PRESENT' is almost ready.



The Book Planning Group are getting excited and are organising a 'launch' in the village hall when people will be able to collect their orders or buy the book. Details will be available soon via posters. If you are not able to collect, other arrangements will be made.

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Liz Nicholls



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Thank you for your continued support and our contact number for help is 08458 337817. It is preferred that all requests are in writing (but not always essential), for proper consideration by a team of well lived and experienced guys.

See you at our Bonfire on Saturday, November 3rd for the best display in the county. A great evening for all the family in the Paddock behind the Public Hall.

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Jack Milburn (President, Winslow Lions Club)



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For any Neighbourhood Watch matters contact me on 713716 or call at 3 Greenway. More in December.

.Regards, Ted Hadlow

A HOLE LOTTA' DIGGIN' GOIN' ON - News from Horwode Pece

Adrian Buck must feel this is the case. He's our hero, spending so much time and effort trying to solve the problem of the large puddle between the two play areas. He's organised a digger to help lay a drainage pipe, which appears to have made a big improvement and we hope to complete the work very soon.

Another unsung hero is Cathy Holland, who was one of the founding members of the P.A.R.C. group, started in 1998 to try to find a field for a recreation ground. Now, every week, Cathy goes down to the Rec. to collect the rubbish. As the bin is on 'private

land' AVDC will not empty it. As you can imagine this can't be a pleasant job and Cathy even sorts the waste for recycling.

It's people like this who assist in helping to keep our recreation ground going. They obviously think it's worth it and if you do, how about offering to help? Whether it's on a regular basis, for instance joining our weekly checking rota (which works out to be 'your turn' once every two months) or just occasionally, we would really appreciate your help. Offers please to John Nicholls on 01296 715331.

John Nicholls, Chairman

Winslow Community Cinema

November Programme

Friday 2 November: HUGO (USA, 2011, 126 mins)



With Asa Butterfield, Ben Kingsley, Jude Law

In his first family film, cinephile Scorsese has created a magical 1930s kids' adventure aimed squarely at grown-up cinema lovers. Orphaned Hugo secretly lives in a Paris rail terminus, and spends his time fixing things and winding up the station clocks neglected by his drunken uncle. But his real quest is to unlock a secret left to him by his father in the form of a mysterious toy robot. Scorsese takes us on a fabulous whistle-stop tour of cinema history with a predominantly British cast, including Sacha Baron Cohen's station inspector as the villain of the piece. Young Londoner Asa Butterfield is excellent in the title role. Visually fantastic, this most personal and deeply-felt of the director's films won five Oscars.

Friday 16 November: THE PALM BEACH STORY (USA, 1942 88 mins)

With Claudette Colbert, Mary Astor, Rudy Vallee, Joel McCrea.

Tom and Gerry (McCrea, Colbert) are a married couple, but lack of money has soured their relationship. So Gerry goes to Palm Beach in search of a millionaire who can bankroll architect Tom's plan to build a new airport. There she meets billionaire JD Hackensecker III who inevitably, falls in love with her. Meanwhile, his sister (Astor) falls for Tom. Full of snappy dialogue and hilarious one-liners, *The Palm Beach Story* is a clever satire on the perils of love and money. The impeccable cast deliver with interest with Vallee particularly good as the eccentric suitor. Arguably, Sturges best comedy.

Friday 30 November: WHAT'S EATING GILBERT GRAPE (USA, 1993, 118 mins)

With Johnny Depp, Mary Steenburgen, Leonardo DiCaprio, Juliette Lewis

In Hallstrom's (*Salmon Fishing In The Yemen*) underrated comedy drama, *Gilbert Grape* (Depp) lives at home in rural Iowa with his obese mum, two sisters and mentally disabled brother Arnie (DiCaprio). He conducts an affair with a bored housewife (Steenburgen) and tries to keep Arnie out of trouble. Then his life changes when flirty teenage traveller Becky arrives in town. She and Gilbert become close and his frustration with constantly caring for Arnie surfaces. Featuring an intense performance from DiCaprio, Oscar-nominated for Best Supporting Actor, and a soulful Depp as an unlikely pillar of the community, *Gilbert Grape* is a sympathetic portrait of an unusual family life.

All screenings are in the Rose Room, Winslow Centre, Park Road at 7.30pm.

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Great Horwood Silver Band

The recent Concert for the Salvation Army in Conniburrow was a great success much appreciated by the audience and helped to raise £337 for the Annual Appeal to support the work

of the Salvation Army in the United Kingdom.

The band will be playing for the British Legion Remembrance Parade in Winslow on **Sunday November 11th**.

Following that engagement we will soon be into the Christmas season, beginning with the Annual Christmas Concert in the Village Hall Great Horwood on **Sunday December 2nd at 3pm**. There will be free entry to the concert, a raffle will be held and refreshments will be available. There will be a voluntary collection. All proceeds from the Concert will be donated to another Village Charity of our choice.

Once again we will be playing at Tesco Buckingham over the Christmas season on Saturday December 15th from 10am to 4pm and again on Tuesday 18th December from 6pm.

The band will play Carols around Great Horwood on Christmas Eve as usual, starting from Townend Cottages at 4pm.

We have just purchased three new pieces of music which we are now busy rehearsing. They are *Fly me to the Moon* by Howard Bart. *Ghost Busters* by Ray Parker and *Olympic Fanfare* and *Theme* by John Williams. The band are always up for a challenge and tackled the new music with gusto.

The band have just donated £150 to the Great Horwood Village Hall and £50 to Focus to help with expenses.

We would like to give our sincere thanks to the Parish Council for their generous donation of £250 to band funds, the donation is very much appreciated and will help with the band's running costs.

The Band's New CDs are selling well, we have a few left if anyone would like one, maybe for a Christmas present. Please ask any band member or phone me on 01908 510809. The CDs are £10 each and contain a wide variety of music.

100 Club winners for September and October were:

September: Christine Godwin £12 Keith Mould £8

October: Di Cook £12 Graham Saunders £8

Beryl Lack



W.I News

Attention anyone who needs vegetarian recipe inspiration!

On **Thursday 29th November at 7.30pm** in the village hall, vegetarian cook and

author **Alli Templeton** will be giving a cookery demonstration. She will prepare some winter vegetarian recipes with a Christmas twist and the audience has the opportunity to taste the results....mmmm. Tickets are £4, available in advance; see posters or ring contacts below for further information.

At our monthly meeting on 9th October, Helen Preston from the Buckingham Canal Society, dressed in traditional costume gave us a lively presentation about the canal's history and plans for its future. She had lots of interesting photos, past and present, depicting life and work on the canal. Helen has a great passion for the subject and could have talked to us much longer but unfortunately time ran out. However, she urged us all to sign a petition showing our interest in the canal's renovation.

Our Annual Meeting takes place on **13th November**. This year our speaker is Irene Chittenden from the Women's Refuge in Milton Keynes, who will be telling us about the organisation and its valued work. After formalities when offices are filled we will all be relaxing over a glass of wine and reminiscing over a successful year of activities and events.

On 2nd November a group of us are off to Stoke Mandeville Community Centre for a "Dabble Day of This and That". This is a chance to try lots of different crafts from cards to jewellery, ideal for Christmas gift ideas.

Looking ahead to December:

- BFWI Christmas concert Fri 7th
- GH & S WI Christmas party Tues 11th

If you would like to know more about your local WI or are interested in any of our forthcoming events please call us or drop in to one of our monthly meetings. These are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Val Smith 01296 711551 Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933
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Great Horwood Football Club

The club opened the season with its annual fun day. Although this year saw a lower attendance and fewer games than recent years, we were still able to raise approximately £600 – thank you to everyone

who supported the club.

The season has started well, with the first team still sitting at the top of the Premiership – another first for the club. The most recent game ended with a 3-1 win away to Great Linford – goals from Eddie Archer (2) and Adam Dixon. This followed defeats in their previous 2 League and Cup matches by a single goal, both against Grendon Rangers – the league loss being the first for over a year.

The reserves have also enjoyed their best start for many years – level on points at the top of their division with just two losses in their opening 8 games – Dale and Adam Armitage getting amongst the goals.

The under 16's have started well after promotion last season – all tight games and narrow losses in the league but an impressive 4-1 win in the cup – this bodes well for the remainder of the season. The under 15's are also playing higher opposition with a mixed bag of results but should also be competitive throughout the year.

The under 13's are looking for players and a new manager/coach – under 12's can also play for the team. They play Saturdays 9-a-side – a format which includes offside.

The under 11's girls have had some tough games but continue to enjoy their football with goals from Rihanna Rush and assists from Katie Lee, Evie Sirett, Georgina Kilkenny, Katie Lee and Chloe Arnott all playing well.

The under 11's boys have started very strongly knocking lots of goals in. The under 10's have a new manager in Steve Nelsen and have also started well. The under 9's are a good unit – maturing well and unbeaten in their last three games. The under 8's are playing a high level after a successful season last year and have come across some strong opposition. All good experience and will strengthen the team.

The club is in the process of getting a new team of under 7's (year 2) but at the moment there are not quite enough – needing two or three more girls or boys to come along and join in the fun.

The veterans have played a few games and whilst they are yet to record a win they have played well – even leading a division 1 team into half time. All players seem to be enjoying their football and continuing their involvement with the club – note the veterans are for 35 years old and over with rolling subs..!.

If anyone wants to play for the club at any age please e-mail play@greathorwoodfc.co.uk.

Also see the club website for all the latest news at <http://www.greathorwoodfc.co.uk>

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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

LAST MEETING – MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2012

Parish Council Budget 2013/14

Please see the separate article on the back page about plans for the Council's expenditure in the next financial year and any ideas for improvement projects for the parish.

Planning Matters

The application for an additional dwelling to be built in the grounds of 2 School End (12/01264/APP) was refused by AVDC. The application for an additional dwelling to be built on land to the rear of 11 The Green (12/01791/APP) has also now been refused by AVDC.

Movable Vehicle Activated Signs

At its meeting the Council decided that the most appropriate locations for the sites of the MVAS's would be:-

- On the Winslow Road approach to the village.
- On the Little Horwood Road just inside the start of the 30mph limit
- On the Nash Road just within the start of the 30mph limit.
- In Singleborough on the approach from the A421

By the time this edition of Focus is published we should know if enough local parishes have joined the project to make it feasible to proceed.

Conservation Area Review

A leaflet outlining the proposed changes has been delivered by AVDC to every property within the existing Conservation Areas, and to those which are proposed for inclusion within the Conservation Area.

Please see the separate article by AVDC on the back page of Focus including details of an exhibition in the village hall on **12th November**.

Parking in parts of the village

Following a complaint from a resident, the Clerk has asked our local PCSO to take action against the owners of vehicles illegally parked on the footways and too close to corners thus endangering pedestrians and users of mobility scooters and making it dangerous for vehicles emerging from side roads.

Telephone Poles in Pilch Lane

The Council have contacted BT to ensure that the branches cut from the trees when the telephone poles were installed are removed.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Scholtens reported on the progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Team which has been working on producing a Sustainability Appraisal which it is planned to circulate to Councillors prior to the November meeting of the Council.

The next formal stage will be to hold a public consultation meeting for the draft Sustainability Appraisal in the Village Hall in December.

The Sun Dial

The Sun Dial was removed from The Green during the Jubilee celebrations and the village school has now agreed to site it within the school grounds. The Parish Council will arrange for it to be refurbished and installed as soon as practicable.

Bollards on The Green

The concrete bollards on the west side of The Green will be removed and replaced with wooden posts.

Footpaths

Robert Deuchar has reported that:-

An online map of the county's footpaths is available on the BCC website at:

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/row/online_map.page

And I have also installed a direct link to the facility from the "Conservation Areas & Footpaths Maps" page of the Parish Council website.

Horwode Pece

The following report was received.

- Some mischievous littering has been investigated and culprits have been spoken with.
- Dog mess is still a problem as, unfortunately, it is still being deposited around the play area..
- Damage to the toddler swings will require galvanized paint.
- A trench to alleviate flooding was required and treated by Peter Smith by inserting a pipe and adding shingle backfill but further drainage work is required.

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 November 2012 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council
john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk

Please see back page of Focus for Improvements to Our Village.

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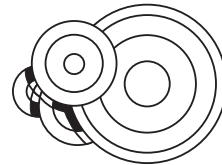
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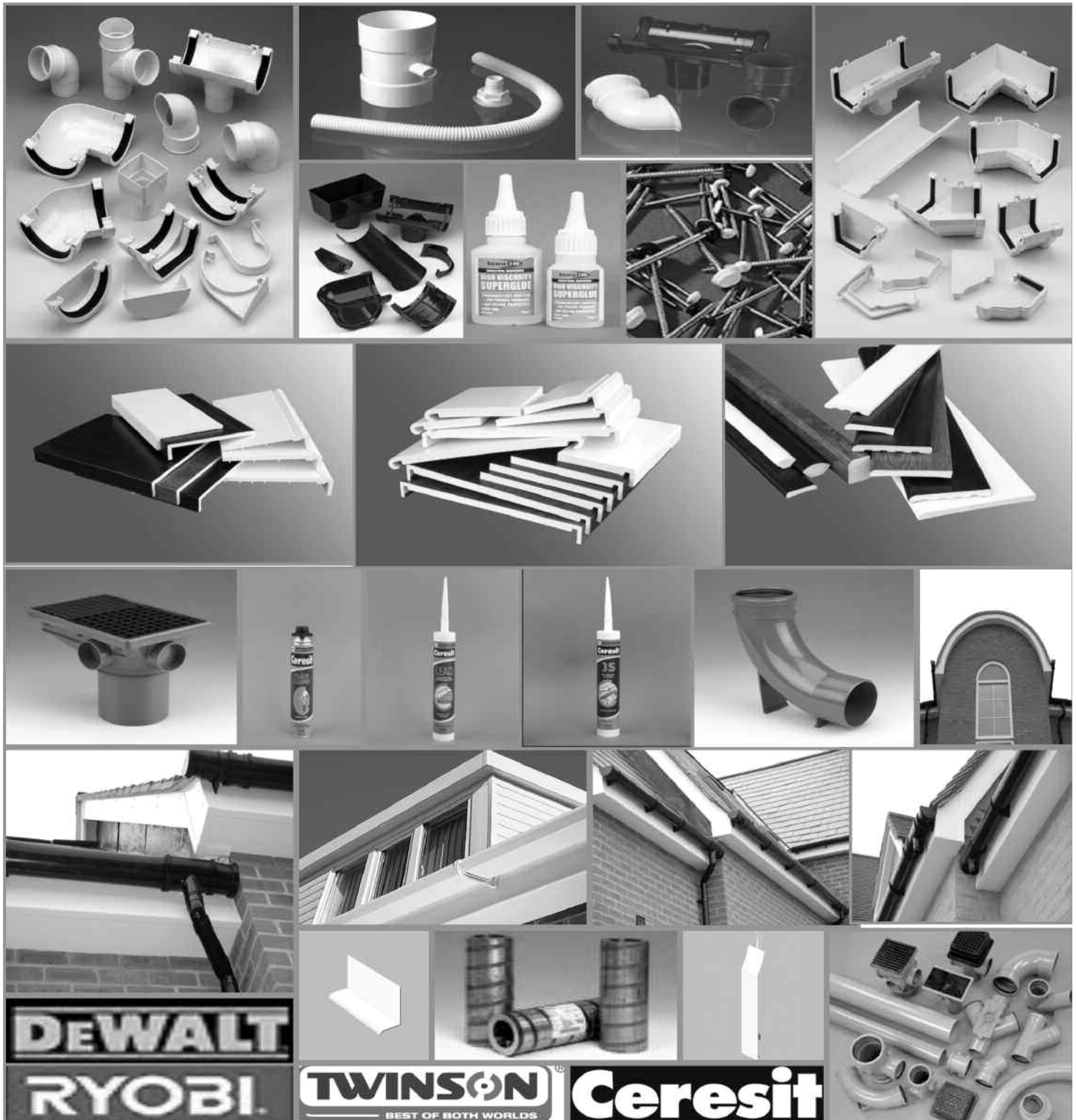
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Conservation Area Reviews at Great Horwood and Singleborough

A Conservation Area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, designated by the local planning authority. At present Great Horwood contains one Conservation Area which covers most of the historic village core. Singleborough contains two very small Conservation Areas, which focus on clusters of listed buildings.

Aylesbury Vale District Council has undertaken a review of the Conservation Areas at Great Horwood and Singleborough. Both settlements have been surveyed, and those elements which are important to the character and appearance of the Conservation Areas (e.g. trees, buildings, open spaces) have been defined on maps and plans.

As a result of the Conservation Area survey, a number of alterations have been proposed to the Conservation Area boundaries. A leaflet outlining the proposed changes has been delivered to every property within the existing Conservation Areas, and to those which are proposed for inclusion within the Conservation Area.

A copy of the Conservation Area Appraisal documents, Conservation Area review leaflets, general Conservation Area advice guide and a copy of the proposed boundary maps for Great Horwood and Singleborough are available on the AVDC website:

Great Horwood:

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/environment/conservation-listed-buildings/current-conservation-area-consultation/great-horwood-conservation-area-review/>

Singleborough:

<http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/environment/conservation-listed-buildings/current-conservation-area-consultation/singleborough-conservation-area-review/>

All residents are invited to attend an exhibition in Great Horwood Village Hall from **3:30pm to 7:00pm on the 12th of November 2012**, where the Conservation Areas Officer will be present to answer any questions relating to the Great Horwood and Singleborough Conservation Area Reviews.

If you are unable to attend the exhibition, but have questions about the review please telephone 01296 585244



Great Horwood
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Improvements to Our Village?

Your Parish Council is currently preparing its budget for the financial year from April 2013 to March 2014. We have no intention of increasing the Parish Council share of your Council Tax payments.

However, if we had some funds available from the budget we would like your views on any improvements you would like to see made in the village.

At our Parish Council meeting in October a few ideas were mentioned such as:-

- Floral displays on some or all of the entrances to the village.
- Provision of Christmas Lights – maybe around The Green or along the High Street.
- Pay individuals or groups to carry out litter picks around the village once or twice per year. (We were not able to carry out our usual litter pick in the Spring this year as no volunteers came forward)

Also, AVDC have donated to the village an oak tree in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The tree will be delivered to us shortly and we need to decide where to plant it. **Do you have any suggestions?** – the favourite thought from our Parish Council meeting was to suggest somewhere on Horwode Pece (subject to the agreement of the management committee).

Please send in any thoughts or suggestions you have to Karen Francis at 2 Spring Lane,
email clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk