



*Current view of proposed development area.*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: An open letter to all residents...

### Friends and neighbours of Great Horwood

When in July I heard that all but two of the Neighbourhood Planning Team (NPT) had resigned because they felt that some residents from the eastern side of the village would never be appeased, I realized immediately how vulnerable the eastern side of the village had become. As the flood gates of development have been opened due to Government housing plans, with a new Secondary school and the opening of the East-West railway station coming to Winslow, growth is inevitable.

Over the holidays myself and three friends went door-to-door to our own neighbours explaining that a large scale developer (who we now know to be Taylor Wimpy) wants to build behind The Close and Weston Rd and that with a village plan we'd at least have a say in how Great Horwood could benefit, for example the possibility of affordable housing for locals, monies for the school, Horwood Pece, sports and children's clubs etc. Also, hopefully the possibility of another site to spread the load rather than one large estate.

Many people signed a petition which we hoped would prove to our Parish Council that we feel to have a Neighbourhood Planning Team with a village plan in place (**which we all have a right to participate**), makes more sense than to **do nothing**, even though some people, myself included, may feel angry or upset as this is a significant blow, if for many years you've had the privilege of a beautiful view. Unfortunately, because of the holidays and the need to present this petition to the Parish Council meeting in early September, there was no time to visit the whole village.

In the meantime Councillor John Gilby says that the Parish Council **cannot abdicate its responsibility to produce a plan**. There is so much going on in the area over the next 20 years, for example a cycle path that could join us with Winslow. It's not all bad, but we do have to put our ideas forward, and if anyone would like to **volunteer to help the NPT** like myself that would be a great help to widen the views from all over the village. Remember, whatever type of house you live in, these are **our homes** and we have all chosen to live in Great Horwood not Buckingham or Milton Keynes.

As one resident to another **please take an interest, follow the Focus and support the New Neighbourhood Planning Team**.

**Jane Holland** jane.holland.313@btinternet .com



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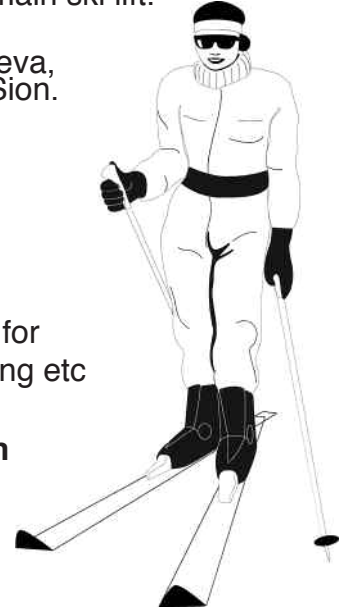
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## St James' Services for November

			Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessor
3rd Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	M Gilbey	J Brigden	D Brazier
10th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	S Hemphill	-	-
17th Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	C Martin	J Margerisson
24th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
24th Nov	11.00am	Service of the Word	N Weir	C Finnemore	Clergy
1st Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	C Martin	I Lamberton

**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. There will be no breakfast served before the service on this day.

## From Rev Belinda Searle-Barnes, Rector

*"October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron, with hard frosts every morning and icy drafts that bit at exposed hands and faces."*

— J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

I rather like this quote from Harry Potter because it expresses change in a vibrant way which resonates with the experience we are having as the less extreme weather of October and its wonderful hues of greens, browns and gold turns into the more extreme weather of November. The words also convey the fact that change can occur very quickly and all that we might have been taking for granted can suddenly shift and we find ourselves in a new season of experience.

The changing seasons of the year not only reflect the weather pattern but also how, within our spiritual life, we experience at times the presence of light and darkness, good and evil, health and ill-health, strength and vulnerability.

As Autumn turns into Winter and the spiritual time of Remembrance moves into Advent and then Christmas, I hope you will find these words of St Teresa of Avila helpful and thought provoking.

*Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing;  
God only is changeless.  
Patience gains all things.  
Who has God wants nothing.  
God alone suffices.*

*St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*

## Lighting of the Church Tower

The church was lit on:

the **25th September** to remember Helga Day's Birthday  
and on **28th September** to remember Norman Bartlett's Birthday

Ian Lamberton

## Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

Get in the festive spirit by coming along to a senior citizens' Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 12th 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.

## Cello Concert for St James' Church Restoration Fund

St James' Church was alive with the sound of music on Thursday evening, 19th September, when Orlando Jopling played Bach's Suites for Solo Cello to a rapt audience. This concert was part of his Cello Pilgrimage around England, with Orlando playing in rural churches to raise funds for their repair, restoration and upkeep, and celebrating churches as a hub of the community as well as a place of spiritual repose and renewal.

The evening began as a social gathering with wine and canapés, and, after an introduction by St James' Rector, Reverend Belinda Searle-Barnes, we were treated to the profoundly expressive cello suites, which fully utilised the wonderful acoustics of St James'.

Over £1,000 was raised for the St James' Church Restoration Fund, ticket sales being augmented by a raffle, donation bar, and programme ads and sales.

Many thanks to Pauline Brown, Jo Dicken, Monica Gilbey, Sheila Gurnett, Edith Ive, June Margerrison and Jane Moulding for the delicious canapés; John Gilbey for his extensive logistical support; Sue and Lawrence Renshell for running the raffle and bar respectively; Andy Gibbs of Harlequin Press for the beautiful programme; the advertisers: Elliotts Agency, Faulkner Property, Harlequin Press, and PS Property Solutions; Great Horwood School for the loan of the podium and David Brazier and Roy Hemphill for moving it; Lyn Mayger for distributing posters, Dean White and 'FOCUS' and to everyone who supported this deserving cause, including Marc and Jo Bennett-Coles, Robert Deuchar, Jennifer Thrower and Helen Grimditch for their donations.

And a round of applause for Monica Gilbey and Susan Mosier for organising such an enjoyable evening and successful funds-raising event.

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I can be contacted either at clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk or on 712941. Many thanks. Karen Francis

## Village Bulk Refuse Collection Service

The Village Refuse Freighter will be visiting Great Horwood on **Monday 11th November** between 7.30am and 11.00am and will be parked at the car park in Willow Road. The service is for household waste only and cannot accept:

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Karen Francis

## Village Hall

### New Lighting

The hall now has wall lighting which the committee decided to install with the very generous donation from Monica Jones's family. It gives a softer lighting for party nights.

### Volunteers Required...

All we need now is to give it a coat of paint! There is quite a bit of preparation to do on loose plaster. **Have we any volunteers?** I have spoken to a local plasterer who suggested we try to get offers to do the scraping to keep the costs down. He will then plaster. **Ring me on 713727 if you are able to help.**

The next project is already in place: we are having the gates to the rear refurbished. The youth club are going to smarten up the yard with a grant awarded from the Lord of the Manor fund. The gates would let the whole project down and the cost of the gates is being covered from our own funds.

### The Wednesday morning Post Office continues to thrive

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Any Information about the hall ring me on 713727.

Jeannie Marshall



## CLEANER REQUIRED

Great Horwood Scout and Guides are **looking for a cleaner to clean the Scout Hut on a weekly basis.** If you are interested in offering your services for this task, please contact Justin Daley on 07786 966811 or [justin@daley18.plus.com](mailto:justin@daley18.plus.com) to discuss visits and rates of pay.



## Jokers Get Sick

A conference centre in Newport Pagnell was the unlikely venue for Jokers Wild's latest 'production'. The village's amateur dramatics troupe, unable for a couple of years now to mount a full-scale production in Great Horwood, has been exercising its Thespian talents in an unusual way.

Recruited by a local NHS Healthcare Trust, Jokers has been helping to train General Practitioners. Nine members of Jokers were briefed in detail, and then were required to act out the part of patients with a variety of disorders and personality problems. Trainees, who had already qualified as doctors but not as GPs, examined each 'patient' under controlled conditions and in front of an assessor, and were then marked on their performance. The Jokers Wild actors had to present a convincing back story and to improvise where necessary, to respond authentically to the trainees' medical and welfare questions, and to repeat the performance consistently for each trainee throughout a single intensive morning.

Organised by Dr Claire Stewart, the Jokers Wild contingent comprised Debbie Kilkenny, Ian Lamberton, Jane Moulding, Margaret Michalski, Nick Taylor, Peter Thornton, Phil Kilkenny, Rhea Brigden (standing in for Janthea), and Rod Moulding.

Disorders portrayed were many and various, ranging from the embarrassing to the potentially serious. Personally, I was cast in character (again) as a grumpy old man, this time with pneumonia. Other cast members had 'disorders' ranging from an abdominal aortic aneurysm to lesions on the leg (and an inability to stop chattering) and were similarly convincing - some so much so that I understand that at least one convinced himself that he actually had contracted the disorder he'd portrayed and made an immediate doctor's appointment.

It's time Jokers Wild was back on stage. We demonstrated at Newport Pagnell that we haven't forgotten how to act, but we need more participants - on stage, behind the scenes and front-of-house. The Village Hall now has new stage curtains, and Jokers has new lighting equipment. We're ready to go! **Do contact any of the dummy patients listed above (or even me) if you'd like to know more.**

Rod Moulding: 714494



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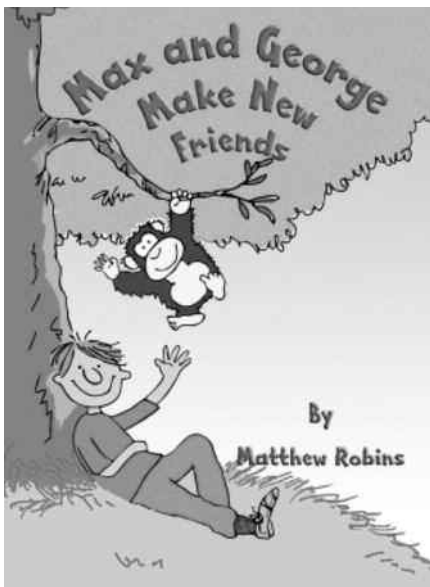
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## Local Author has his first book published

**Matthew Robins**, 31, from Milton Keynes has written his first children's book called *Max and George Make New Friends*. **Matthew was born in Great Horwood**, lived there and attended the local school until the age of 7. After many years living away, Matthew returned to Great Horwood in 2004 before moving to Milton Keynes in 2007.

When he was made redundant in 2011, Matthew decided to work on his first book after always wanting to write one. He took inspiration from his very own stuffed monkey named George. He also chose to include sign language within the book as his own hearing is deteriorating and he wanted to show people that we are all special, no matter what. The book aims to revive the morals that Matthew was taught when he was a child.

The book is about a young boy called Max who is deaf. Max is just a normal boy who wants to make friends, have fun playing and work hard at school. Just like lots of boys and girls his age, Max struggles to make new friends until he meets George who has his own special skills.

George is a very special monkey. Unlike Max, he is not deaf. However, he can talk to deaf people using sign language. George is the best monkey-friend a young boy or girl could ask for. He knows what makes Max happy and what makes him sad.

George helps Max to bridge the gap between his world and the world of his hearing peers. He helps the other children to realise that, even though Max is deaf, he still has talents and skills which he can share with them.

### **The moral of the story is not to judge someone on first appearances.**

Matthew hopes that this will be the first in a series of books about Max and George and has already started work on a follow up story.

The book can be purchased through the Max and George website at [www.maxandgeorgebooks.com](http://www.maxandgeorgebooks.com) or contact Matthew by e-mail at [matthew@maxandgeroagebooks.com](mailto:matthew@maxandgeroagebooks.com) or by phone on 07976 186776 (leave a message and he will get back to you).

## Local Resident Ski Racing Success

2013 has been an amazing year for Great Horwood boy Zachary Metheringham on the indoor ski race scene. In his first year of competitive ski racing, 9 year-old Zac has dominated the Under-10 Boys level and taken the podium by storm.

Zachary, of Nash Road, won the SnowSport GBR Atomic Indoor Race Series (with 3 firsts, 1 second, 1 third), to add to his 1st place in the SnowSport Scotland Scottish Championships, the SnowSports England British Championships, and the British Independent School Ski Indoor Championships. Out of 15 races, Zac has taken top step on the Under 10 podium on 11 occasions in indoor ski races across the country.

He's hoping to continue his success in 2014 on both the Alpine race circuit and indoor races. Zac trains with the Ski MK Race Team ([www.skimkracetteam.roundtablelive.org](http://www.skimkracetteam.roundtablelive.org)) and with Gravity SnowSports ([www.gravitysnowsports.co.uk](http://www.gravitysnowsports.co.uk)) at the SnoZone MK.

Dean White



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As well as our main display commencing at 7.00pm; we will also have a smaller display of fireworks with not quite as many loud bangs for anyone with young children; starting just before our main event.

**Come and join us on 2nd November from 6.00 pm for an evening of rockets and roman candles at WINSLOW HALL PADDOCK. WINSLOW (entrance by the rear of Winslow Public Hall).**

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*Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)*





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**Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club**  
**Our Youth Club now has over 30 members...**

On the 23rd September we held our A.G.M which gave me the opportunity to say thanks to David, our treasurer and safeguarding officer; to Chris our secretary; to Liz; to Amy our First Aider and of course to Helen our Youth Club Leader. Also to Jake, Jack, Laurence and Kal who come early to Youth Club each week to help David, Liz and me put out the activities: we really appreciate their help. Also a welcome to Kai and Richard, new volunteers who are already coming up with new ideas.

Fortunately, all the committee agreed to stand again.

I was able to report that we had been especially fortunate during the last academic year to secure generous funding, because Bucks County Council's priority had been Young People. This has meant that in accordance with the Young People's wishes we have been able to organise a variety of activities at no extra cost to them e.g. a takeaway Chinese meal, ten pin bowling in MK and a theatre trip to see CATS.

Additionally, by continuing to attend the Bucks County Council Local Area Forum Meetings I have again been successful in obtaining a varied programme of activities for this academic year, again at no extra cost to the members. These activities will include the ever popular sumo suits, the sports cage (see photo), street dancing, skate park, pop-up café, l-van etc.

We heard from Helen that she had made a successful bid to the Lord of the Manor for funding and of her plans to smarten up the Village Hall outside space to provide an area for the Youth Club to sit and have fun. David read out our financial situation and then 3 Young People stood up to give the members' views:-

**"Only £1.50 a week.....what a bargain.....where else would you get such great activities for that price?"**

**"The best bit is the tuck shop and all the fun activities"**

**"I've been coming for 3 years...it's my favourite place ...good for meeting your friends...its helped me to socially interact"**

Finally in the hopes of reaching a larger audience, as only 2 parents attended the AGM, I would like to make a plea for

Village Volunteers most especially to work alongside Helen as a fellow Youth Leader, in order to give her and the rest of us an occasional break.

We are able to offer via Action4Youth full training and so **if you are thinking of changing your career or indeed starting out in Youth Work this volunteering role would look great on your CV** and I am sure you will enjoy the experience.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Monica Gilbey*  
 (Chair Management Committee) 01296-711915



**Great Horwood Silver Band**

The two lightweight instrument cases, funded by the Lord of The Manor award from D. Jack Smith, have now arrived. The photo shows Emma our percussionist, and Katy, our bass player, with their new bags which make their instruments much easier to transport to performances.



The band will be playing for the Remembrance parade in Winslow on Sunday 10th November marching off at 10.30am and will be playing for the Church Remembrance Service in Preston Bissett Church on Monday 11th November 8pm.

We will then start rehearsing for the Christmas series of Concerts.

*Beryl Lack*



### Great Horwood School Family Bingo Night - Friday 15th November

Come and join in the fun at our popular family bingo evening. Doors open 5.30pm. eyes down 6pm! Look out for posters around the village for more details. Any queries, contact Tracey on 712772.



### Great Horwood School Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 30th November

The School is holding its Bazaar on the last Saturday in November. We have many different stalls and games and this year we are offering villagers a chance to rent a table. If you have anything you wish to sell, may it be old or new, or know somebody that might be interested, a table can be purchased for £15. We hope the Bazaar will be as well attended as last year. Hot pork rolls and tea and cakes will be on offer, and a visit from the big man in red himself is promised too! Doors open at 12 noon. If you are interested in renting a table, please contact Tracey on 712772.



### "BAGS TO SCHOOL" - Wednesday 4th December

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out of old clothes, bags, shoes, belts etc, save them for bags to school on 4th December. This is an easy way to get rid of your old clothing and make money for the School. Bags will be delivered through your door in the week commencing 4/12 and then bags will need to be dropped on The Green on the morning of Wednesday 4th Dec.

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### OPERATION ARCTIC

Operation Arctic is an operation between Thames Valley Police and Aylesbury Vale District Council to be launched late in October and run until February 2014 to combat burglaries and target those who commit these crimes during the darker winter months. It will also focus on tackling and raising awareness of these winter time burglaries.

The following simple steps will help in preventing you becoming a victim and target:

- Using timer switches help to give the impression that your home is occupied.
- Register your valuables on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). It's free and takes just a few minutes and if your valuables are stolen will allow you to tell the police, your insurer, and the second-hand trade, to assist in recovering your property and catch the thief.
- Ensure that desirable items such as iPads, iPhones, Laptops, PlayStations and Jewellery are kept away from view so as not to attract attention.
- Invest in some additional locks for windows and back doors to improve security, remember if you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it, and turn the key in the door whilst in the house.
- A burglar alarm is still one of the best deterrents.

Insp. James Davies, said: "Aylesbury Vale has seen a seven percent reduction in dwelling burglaries since April 2013. However, as the nights draw in, we need to start to re-visit security and keep our homes safe and to deter opportunist burglars that intend to use the cover of darkness to commit crime."

If you see anything suspicious call the non-emergency 101 police contact number. But if you believe a crime is in progress call 999.

If you have a problem on any of the above items ring:-

## 101

Also use it to report a crime, contact a police officer - all police officers have mobile phones so you can leave a message for them to respond to when next on duty - or contact your local police station. 999 can also be used and will connect you to the emergency services, namely fire ambulance and the police. If you have information about crime but do not want to speak to the police, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. For any Neighbourhood Watch matters contact me on 713716 or call at 3 Greenway. More in December.

Regards, Ted Hadlow



### W.I. News

November is a very important month for us as we have our Annual Meeting on the 12th. This is a great opportunity for members to be on the committee and when the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Programme Planner for the coming year are chosen. We will also take a look back over our highlights and achievements in 2013 and look forward, making plans for 2014. It isn't all WI business: a volunteer from MK Food Bank will be telling us about the charity and how they help those in need.

At our regular monthly meeting on the 8th October, Charlie Laine and Peter Thorpe gave us an inspirational talk about Disability Snowsport, ([www.disabilitysnowsport.org.uk](http://www.disabilitysnowsport.org.uk)) a charity that has been providing access to snow-sports for those with disabilities for

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Matthew Collins, 'Special Assignments Man' from BBC TV's, The Travel Show, author and voice coach was great fun at 'The Chase Group' meeting, on the 15th October. His energetic, entertaining talk took us through over 20 years of travel journalism, fatherhood and his latest venture to get the nation more articulate, by "Speaking Shakespeare". His hilarious stories of budget travel around Europe and across America and Canada with his two sons were endless. He could have entertained us for hours!

### What's on November/December?

- Christmas Fayre Stall – **Saturday 2nd November** – Buckingham Community Centre
- WI meeting – **Tuesday 12th November** – Annual Meeting / Milton Keynes Food Bank
- Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury – **Friday 22nd November** – Pricilla Queen of the Desert
- BFWI Christmas Concert – **Friday 6th December** – Aylesbury.
- WI meeting – **Tuesday 10th December** – Christmas Party

If you would like to know more about your local WI please phone for a chat. We will also gladly collect and take you to one of our monthly meetings, which are held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall**. Hope to see you soon.

Val Smith 01296 711551 Karen Wilkinson 01296 712933  
Angela Mayne 01296 715400



## Great Horwood CE Combined School - OPEN DAY – NOVEMBER 19th.

Our open day for prospective parents is taking place on Tuesday November 19th, commencing at 9am and finishing at 12pm. Our Year 6 children will be conducting tours, with opportunities to meet and speak with the Headteacher. The school prospectus and a wide range of information about the school is available from our school website: [www.greathorwood.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.greathorwood.bucks.sch.uk)

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# CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

## LAST MEETING – MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2013

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### *Village Planters*

The five village planters have thrived over their first season and we have agreed on appropriate plants for the winter and next spring to maintain the visual impact of these important structures as a reminder to road traffic of entry to the built up area of Great Horwood and Singleborough.

### *Handrails opposite 2/4 Nash Road*

Importantly, before the winter season arrives, the handrails have now been installed.

### *Footpaths Report*

Discussions with the appropriate landowners are ongoing for the proposed kissing gates along the footpath from the A421 near Singleborough and the Nash Road near Manor Farm. Funding from Buckinghamshire County Council and a Lord of the Manor Award has been agreed. The bridleway running from the entrance to Singleborough near the A421 and the Thornton/Thornborough road has also been thoroughly cleared. Get your walking boots or running shoes on and explore our footpaths – they are the best of any parish in the northern Aylesbury Vale!

### *Recreation Committee*

There has been a significant amount of dog mess on the road towards Horwode Pece so an appeal is to be put in *FOCUS* for dog owners to bag and bin their dog's mess. A number of concerns have been addressed including noting the postcode on the noticeboard to assist emergency calls. Funds have also been secured to install a combination of boulders and beams to serve as both seating and an assault course, which it is hoped will be installed by the end of the year. The provision of Barbeque stands to reduce the temptation of cooking on picnic tabletops is being investigated. The picnic table has also been repaired, roses cut back and strimming/ mowing has taken place.

### *Neighbourhood Plan*

A useful meeting took place on 18 September between representatives of the Great Horwood Parish Council plus Neighbourhood Planning Team and Community Impact Bucks to explore a way forward for the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan. As a result of these discussions it was decided to have a follow-up meeting on 21st October with the consultant who is producing the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan to discuss and cost the options concerning production of our proposed Plan. Ongoing efforts are also being made to attract volunteers from our community to join the Neighbourhood Planning Team. See also front page of *FOCUS*.

### *AVDC Meet the Cabinet Meeting*

Our Parish Council Chairman attended the meeting at the AVDC Gateway Centre in Aylesbury on 25 September. Overall attendance from Councillors in parishes and towns across the Vale was once again disappointing. Our Chairman's conclusion was that this was due to lack of interest and apathy even amongst

those who have chosen (or possibly coerced) into becoming parish councillors. The event started by having a number of information displays by various functions in AVDC and although all parishes were invited to put on their own display only 5 did so (Buckingham, Winslow, Stewkley, Quainton and Great Horwood). Our display included a number of copies of *FOCUS*, short notes on the Great Horwood Doctors Car Service, the Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club, the Pub Lunch Club and the new allotments in Willow Road. The main event then consisted of presentations by four AVDC Cabinet members:

- Planned Development Portfolio - the presentation mainly concentrated on the Householder Extension Local Development Order which has recently been introduced.
- Community Matters Portfolio - the presentation explained that this is a wide ranging portfolio and includes Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Older People, Voluntary Sector and Grants, Equalities and Cohesion, Partnerships, Customer services, Member Development and Community Safety.
- Community Planning Documents - including Village Design Statements and Neighbourhood Plans the only point of real interest was a restatement that a Neighbourhood Plans must be compliant with NPPF, EU regulations and strategic elements of local plan, and contribute towards sustainable development.
- Waste Recycling – further explanation of the scheme.

### *Movable Vehicle Activated (Speed) Signs (MVAS)*

There has been no update on MVAS despite both Cllrs Gilbey and Porritt chasing the matter. Local Cllr John Chilver who attended our Parish Council meeting stated that he believed that the delay was due to waiting for cable plans from utility companies to check the proposed installation sites. He agreed to lend his support to press for progress with the MVAS project.

### *Parish Council Website*

The Parish Council website

(<http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/>) has the Minutes of the previous meetings of the Parish Council for those of you who may want more detail on matters of interest for the parish. Do come along to our monthly meeting where you can raise an issue with the Council in person during the public participation period or else do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or any of our Councillors using the Contact information on the opposite page.

*John Scholtens – Vice Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council,  
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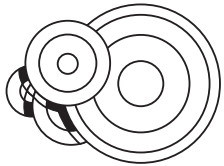


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# Great Horwood Football Club



Great Horwood Football Club would like to thank D.J. Smith and the local committee members responsible for deciding the distribution of the annual award that provided the football club with funds for our inaugural junior tournament held at the end of the August (see photos above).

The day was a great success with 41 junior teams competing across 7 age groups from under 7's to under 12's girls. The weather was kind and certainly helped the smooth running of the day and the huge crowds (350+ cars in the car park!) who attended. The money provided by D.J. Smith and Aylesbury Vale District Council meant the club was able to purchase equipment that will enable it to run the tournament again in subsequent years and we may also look to run another event for the remaining half of the club (Under 13's upwards and seniors).

Thanks to all the sponsors and others who also contributed to the huge success:- Hartwell Estate Agents, Ivinghoe Building Services Ltd, Goss Electrical Ltd, Joe Cooper, Peach Pubs, The Thatch at Thame, Chapman Auto Services, Milton Keynes Veterinary Group, Graphic West Machinery, Black Cat Accounts, Taylored Kitchens, Seahawk Supplies, Great Horwood School and Harlequin Press.

The season for the club has started reasonably well ... Firsts and Reserves have stuttered but are looking to strengthen and settle into the season ahead. They hope to consolidate their respective positions in the top flight for the Firsts and for the Reserves to survive their first season in the higher division after promotion last year.

The juniors are also looking good with the Under 13's sitting at the top of Division 1. The under 12's are proving difficult to beat and the under 11's are also enjoying a good start. The under 12's girls have had some tight games but are currently sitting in mid-table. The younger junior teams are all competing well with the under 6's still enjoying their training sessions. Anyone wishing to play for any team (at any age including veterans) please e-mail [play@greathorwoodfc.co.uk](mailto:play@greathorwoodfc.co.uk).

The Quiz Night joint Fund Raiser with the Cricket Club Night is being held on **Friday 8th November**. Look out for posters with further details...

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