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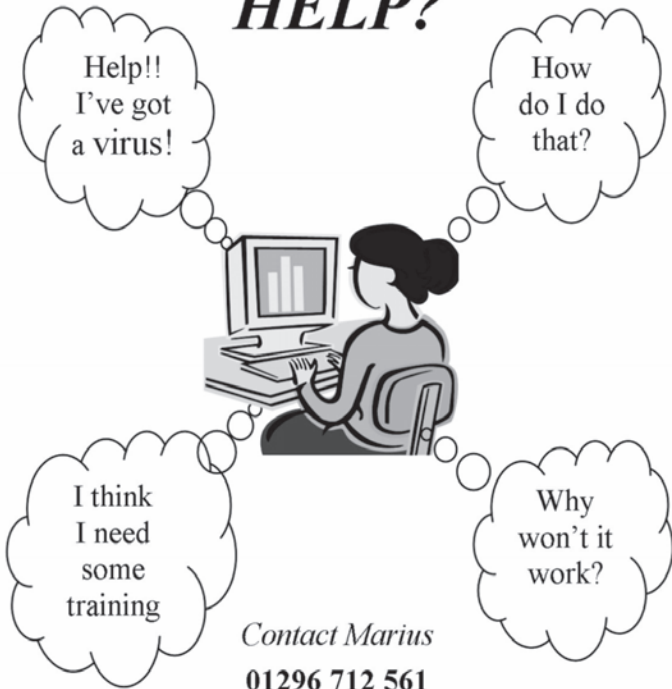
**Wednesday 11th November
7pm - 8.30pm**

We are very pleased to announce that the Great Horwood Cubs will meet again on Wednesday 11th November from 7pm till 8.30pm at the Scout Guide HQ, Great Horwood School.

If your child (boy or girl) is between 8 years and 10 years old and would like to join Cubs please drop me an email at district-scouts@paulketteridge.co.uk giving me their name and your address and phone number, or please just come along on the night to meet our new Cub Leaders.

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St James' Services for November

1st Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion
8th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday
15th Nov	11.00am	Deanery Confirmation
22nd Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
22nd Nov	11.00am	Service of the Word
31st Nov	11.00am	Advent Communion

Sidesmen Reader Intercessor

J Margerrison	C Finnemore	J Margerrison
S Hemphill	-	-
D Brazier	-	-
-	-	-
S Barfoot	C Martin	Clergy
J Margerrison	J Brigden	S Brazier

Church Key – David Moore – 713281

Please note that the Remembrance Sunday Service will start inside 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.

Deanery Confirmation

For the first time in many years, St James' Church has been asked to host the Deanery Confirmation on Sunday 15th November at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend this wonderful celebration.

Lighting of the Church Tower

The tower was lit on:

- 25th September to remember Helga Day's Birthday.
- Michael Sleight, whose Father was the Rector in the Village, asked for the Tower to be lit on the 18th September to remember his late brother Grahame and also on the 21st October to remember his late brother Patrick who both died 10 years ago.

We are very grateful for the generous donation from Michael to remember his family.

Ian Lamberton



Village Hall

The village hall is a great place to hold parties, meetings and general get-togethers. We still have a few vacant spots between now and the end of the year.



Wednesday - Post Office Morning

9.30am to 11.30am.

We look forward to meeting our old friends and newcomers to the village over a cup of tea or coffee.

Thursday - Whist Group

Unfortunately, the Whist Group had to cancel their October 16th meeting as it clashed with the Harvest Auction in the Swan. We will be playing up to Christmas.

- November dates: 12th, 26th
- December dates: 10th.

We will then start again in the New Year.

Friday - Art and Craft Group

Our next project is going to be decoupage, so once again we are going to be messing around with glue. Visitors are always welcome.

Other Events

- **Saturday 14th November:**

An **Afternoon At The Ritz** come and enjoy tea, sandwiches and cakes and be entertained by the GHAS Youth Club members. 2.30pm for a 3pm start. Only £5 per head. For more information call 01296 711915.

- **Sunday 6th December:
Great Horwood Band Christmas Concert.**

Both of these events should be thoroughly enjoyable. The Youth Club tea will be a chance to meet some of the youth of the village and the band concert is always the start of the count down to Christmas. So if you are new to the village do come and meet some of the village residents. I am sure you will be amazed at all our talented people

Gill Wood
Tel: 712165

Patricia Ann Tucker

I would like to extend my family's heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and assisted at my wife Patricia's funeral on the 25th of September. You made what I thought would be the worst day of my life into one of the nicest.

Thank you and bless you all.

Thank you also to all those people who have sent cards.

Pete Tucker

ROAD CLOSURE

As in previous years, St James' has been given temporary road closure on **Sunday 8th November 2015**. This is for a wreath laying ceremony during the Remembrance Service at St James' Church, Great Horwood.

The road closure will be in force between 10:45am and 11:15am.

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





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Upcoming Events...

December 6th – Bumper Christmas Quiz with free buffet.

No entry fee, due to popularity teams must be booked in advance

December 24th – Christmas Eve Party with free buffet and music from the
silverband, all ages welcome

December 31st – New Years Eve Disco, free entry

with music and dancing until 1pm , all ages welcome

A very big thank you to:

Graham Burns for looking after the grass cutting on the Village Green for the last three years, and **Graeme Thomson** for keeping it in check whilst we get a new contractor.

Mick Wood and **Duncan Trigg** for the massive commitment in moving the Vehicle Activated Speed Sign and collecting the data, which gets passed on to the police. We live in hope that people will slow down as they go through our village.

Paul and **Brenda Robertson**, for bringing horticulture back to Great Horwood via the extremely successful Produce Show and the Apple Tastings.

Mr Wicks from Townsend Cottages for helping to maintain the planter and verge cutting around it on the Little Horwood Road.

If you know of anyone who secretly does odd jobs for us around the village please let us know; we are extremely grateful. If you have any time to spare periodically we always need help of some sort; our contact numbers are always here in the Focus.

The Parish Council

Great Horwood Silver Band



We are sorry to announce that our Musical Director, Simon Martin, has decided to resign. Due to work and address change he is no longer able to give the band the support he feels it needs and has tendered his resignation. Simon will continue to attend whenever possible until we can find a replacement.

The next engagements will be the Remembrance Parade and Service in Winslow on Sunday 8th November and the Remembrance service at 8pm on 11th November in Preston Bissett Church.

On Sunday 29th November the band will play for the official opening of the new recreation ground in Whaddon from 12pm to approx 2.30pm.

The band will soon be rehearsing for its Christmas engagements starting with the biennial Christmas Concert in Potterspury United Reformed Church on Saturday 5th December 7pm. Entry, which includes mince pies and drinks, is £6 and £5 concessions.

Don't forget the annual Carol Concert in Great Horwood Village Hall 3pm Sunday 6th December. Admission free, there will be a raffle, refreshments and a leaving collection. All are welcome to come and sing carols with the band. All proceeds to go to the Village Hall fund and Focus Magazine.

We are still seeking bass players and a percussionist. If you are interested in playing or learning to play, please contact Beryl on 01908 510809. Players of other instruments and beginners are also welcome to apply.

We were very grateful for the kind volunteers who collected last year while the band played carols around Great Horwood on Christmas eve. If anyone is willing to volunteer this year we would be very pleased to hear from them.

100 Club winners for September were:

- £10 Emma Saunders
- £8 Amanda Edmans

Beryl Lack (tel: 01908 510809)

Website : www.freewebs.com/greathorwood

Village Organisations - Do you need money?

The Parish Council has allocated £2500 to support projects for village organisations. St James PCC (for grass cutting) and Focus will continue to receive £250 as in previous years but there is an additional £2000 available for your organisation to bid for.

It is expected that £1000 will be awarded to the organisation whose project is judged to be the best with £500 to each of the 2 runner ups.

If you would like to apply for a grant, application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk (clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk, 3 Spring Close, 01296 715829). Applications should be submitted by 30th November and applicants will be notified by the end of December with news of whether or not they have been successful.

Mandy Cliffe

Lions Club of Winslow



Rockets at the ready! Winslow Firework Display

Date: Saturday 7th November

Time: Gates open 6pm, Bonfire lighting 6.40pm, Fireworks at 7pm

Venue: Winslow Hall Paddock, Winslow (next to Winslow Public Hall)

The Lions Club of Winslow are in the process of preparing for our loudest and brightest event of the year.

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Between 10am and 1pm on the day we have our traditional bonfire building session. If you have any materials that you would like to provide please bring them to the Winslow Hall Paddock, behind the Public Hall.

To achieve the best display we buy our fireworks from a reputable manufacturer who helps us with the safety aspect of the display by insisting on sending some of our Lions for training.

As well as our main display commencing at 7pm, 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 7th November from 6pm for an evening of sparkling entertainment!

Dates for your 2016 diary:

Winslow 10km Run 28th February
Winslow Beer Festival 18th and 19th March

Andrew Lowe (Winslow Lions Club)

Horwode Pece (The Rec)

We had a large stack of paving slabs ready for us to lay a ball bouncing area under the ball nets. Sadly half have now 'disappeared'. However, we are undeterred by this annoying setback and have arranged for replacements to be kindly donated and a contractor to lay them.



The committee would like to thank Adrian Buck for his unstinting work over the past few years both on the committee and the hours he put into maintaining the Rec through the summer months each year.

Cathy Holland. Committee member.

Medical Detection Dogs CHRISTMAS CARDS



Medical Detection Dogs is a Buckinghamshire charity based in Great Horwood, co founded in 2008 by Dr Claire Guest, a scientist and animal behaviour expert, and Dr John Church, a former orthopaedic surgeon.

The charity works in partnership with researchers, NHS Trusts and universities to train specialist dogs to detect the odour of human disease. It has two main arms: cancer detection dogs and medical alert dogs.

The Cancer Detection Dogs are trained to detect the odour of volatile substances in urine or breath samples. The cancer dogs have the capacity to provide second line screening for cancers that are currently difficult to diagnose reliably, such as prostate cancer. Two papers produced by the charity in 2004 (BMJ) and 2011 (Cancer Biomark) have shown dogs to reliably detect bladder cancer. Trials are currently under way into the dogs' ability to detect breast cancer on breath samples and to detect prostate from urine samples.

The Medical Alert Assistance Dogs are trained to assist individuals who manage complex medical conditions, such as diabetes, severe nut allergy, Addison's, POTS or narcolepsy on a day-to-day basis. The dogs are taught to identify the odour changes that are associated with certain medical events, such as a drop in blood sugar level for diabetics and to give an alert. There are currently 62 medical alert assistance dogs partnered across the UK and with more funding this number will increase.

The charity receives no government funding and relies entirely on charitable donations.

Christmas Cards 2015



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If you would like to support us please do visit <http://medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk/> where you can order **Christmas cards to support the charity. A pack of 10 costs £3.99.** Or alternatively why not think about sponsoring one of our puppies.

Christina Bowden



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Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor

Thefts from vehicles and outbuildings

You may be aware of thefts from vehicles and outbuildings recently in the area. Thames Valley Police is investigating.

Here is some simple advice to help you avoid becoming a victim of crime. You can also call 101 and speak to a neighbourhood officer, or visit the www.thamesvalley.police.uk for more information on crime prevention tactics and vehicle security.

Vehicle crime prevention tips

- Where possible, secure your car overnight in a garage.
- If you don't have a garage, park in a well-lit area.
- Close all windows and lock your car.
- Don't leave anything on display in your vehicle.
- Empty the vehicle of tools and equipment.
- Take all your personal possessions with you.
- Remove sat nav holders and visible sat nav ring marks from windscreens.
- Leave the glove box open to show there is nothing inside.
- Park vehicles in a way which prevents doors being opened e.g. alongside a wall.

Tips to make your shed, garage and outbuilding more secure

- Garages and sheds are often full of expensive tools to steal or use to break into the house. Do not leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house.
- Fit strong padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- Make sure that the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in.



- Fit locks or bars to windows.
- Lock ladders inside your garage or shed.
- Consider lockable steel boxes or anchor posts fitted to the floor to secure tools and equipment.
- Garden tools and machinery should be permanently marked with your postcode.
- Install a battery or mains-powered shed alarm, available from all good DIY stores at a reasonable price.
- For extra security, replace the screws in external hinges of your shed or garage side-door with 'clutch-head' screws (also known as 'anti-tamper' or 'coffin' screws).
- Secure your wheelie bin to stop an intruder using it to climb on.

HALLOWEEN and BONFIRE NIGHT

With Halloween comes 'Trick or Treating'. This activity should be a bit of low key fun but for some it can be frightening. Below is a bit of 'common sense' advice so please heed it:

- Never let young children go trick or treating on their own.
- Make sure you accompany them and only visit people you know.
- Make sure teenagers do not have access to fireworks, alcohol, eggs or flour.
- Explain to them why they must not play tricks on strangers.
- Tell them that if nobody answers the door, or a 'No trick or treat' sign is on display, they must leave immediately, and finally...
- Remind them stay with their friends and make sure they know that they should never enter the home of a stranger.

The Winslow and District Neighbourhood team will be out and about in the area during the evening so will be around should an issue occur.

Wendy Taylor

W.I News

At our October meeting, Mary Nicholls came to speak to us about volunteering with the Samaritan's Purse and how the Shoebox scheme got started. 25 years ago the founder read an article about the plight of children in Romanian orphanages, and decided to help. In the first year 250 boxes were sent, in 2014 it was 1.8 million.

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian charity, but the boxes are sent to children in need in S. America, some areas of Africa and Eastern Europe, irrespective of race or religion, but victims of war, famine, poverty or persecution.

Mary told us about the range of things that could go in a box, such as stationary, clothes (eg. gloves and hats), toiletries and toys.

If you would like more information on this scheme – check out the website – www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk or contact me on email – annieqq@hotmail.co.uk. Everyone is welcome to bring their decorated and filled boxes to WI on November 10th.

Please note £3 must accompany each box, towards the transport costs.



The evening finished with a sale of cake to raise money for the WI charity – Associated Country Women of the World.

October is a busy month for WI and at the time of writing we have several events to look forward to in the second half of October:

Sat 17th October – **Procession of WI Banners** in Aylesbury to mark the Centenary of the WI. Leaves the Corn Exchange in Market Square @ 11am.

Tuesday 20th October – visit to **Arla Dairy** near Aston Clinton.

Also on 20th October – **Group meeting at Stewkley**. Susan Gray will be giving a demonstration in Acrylics.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 31st October Buckingham Community Centre – 10.30am – 3pm

Do come and support us and start your Christmas shopping with our selection of gifts.

Our **November** meeting on the 10th is our AGM and we will have a talk from the Fire service.

Ann Biggins



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Introduction

Our Neighbourhood Plan faced its first practical test last month with the AVDC Strategic Development Management Committee deciding to approve the large-scale housing development planning application for land to the south of Weston Road, despite a concerted defence by the Great Horwood Parish Council and 10 objectors (the maximum allowed to speak).

It was clear that the assessed shortfall of around 2 years-worth in the 5-year housing land supply required by central government drove the decision by AVDC. Rest assured, we have not given up the fight and will do everything in our power to reverse this decision. A pre-emptive request for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to call in the planning application, originally submitted by David Saunders, was also submitted by John Bercow and myself before the AVDC committee meeting took place. Following that meeting, I wrote to John Bercow to apprise him of the findings and dire implications. He then wrote to the Secretary of State using this information and we await a decision from central government. The next few months will be critical and your parish council will take every possible step to try to ensure our neighbourhood plan is upheld and not undermined.

Parish Updates

Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS)

Following receipt of the data from our MVAS, Thames Valley Police have assessed a speed enforcement operation site in Great Horwood and will mount speed enforcement action in the future. Hopefully, this will send out a clear message and help to reduce speeding through Great Horwood and Singleborough and with it, the potential for a speed-related accident.

We would be grateful if you all remain as great ambassadors of safe driving through our built-up area by ensuring you remain within the speed limits and also not fall foul of the speed enforcement operation!

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council passed the following motion at its last meeting: "Great Horwood Parish Council is appalled by the decision of the AVDC Strategic Development Committee to approve the planning application 14/01540/APP for 42 houses on Land off Weston Road in direct contravention to the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan and will continue to oppose the decision in all possible ways."

Notwithstanding the Weston Road planning application, there are several other planning applications which fall outside our Neighbourhood Plan, including of course, the very contentious Willow Road application, that are currently awaiting decisions by AVDC. We will continue to oppose vehemently all significant housing proposals which go against the agreed wishes of our community as expressed in your Plan.

Clearly, the principle of local communities having a say in the future plans for their areas, which is the central tenet of the Localism Act 2011, is at stake. The battle lines between the commercial pressure of encouraging significant housing development and the clear wishes of local communities to only allow proportionate and appropriate development have been drawn. This is David and Goliath and hopefully the result will be consistent!

The Secretary of State for Planning and Local Communities when answering questions in Parliament this month, again

expressed his support for neighbourhood plans and the principle of empowering local communities. If the Weston Road Planning Application is approved in direct contravention of our Plan, thereby totally undermining it and coming into direct conflict with the principles of the Localism Act 2011, we believe that he would be extremely concerned and would intervene. There are grounds for optimism and rest assured, we will fight our corner vigorously and with every means at our disposal!

Great Horwood Parish Plan 2016 Consultation

You will see that handouts concerning our Parish Plan 2016 are included with this edition of Focus. To help the Parish Council agree the Plan and the associated Action Plan and budget requirements, the Parish Council is seeking your views. Please fill out the associated questionnaire and give us your thoughts, as we need to know the wishes of our community! **The deadline for returns is Monday 30 November 2015.**

Digital Communication

We have had a very disappointing response from contributors to the Great Horwood Parish website (<http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/>) to validate their contributions and update the information where appropriate and we urge them to make suggestions to Cllr Gilbey who is coordinating update action. Any suggestions for improvement are most welcome!

The Green

Cllr Angela Mayne is exploring options for revamping The Green and in particular revitalising the bordering features with small trees rather than the current old bushes.

Volunteers

We are always grateful for offers of help from volunteers. Indeed, the hard work of our many volunteers is the life-blood of the community. In this regard, I would like to single out this month, Mick Wood and Duncan Trigg for their MVAS work, and Graham Burns for the mowing of The Green that he has performed tirelessly for the last 3 years – we are incredibly grateful for all your efforts.

New Parish Clerk!

A reminder that Mandy Cliffe has taken over from Karen Francis as our Parish Clerk. Mandy can be reached on 01296 715829 and clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk.

Parish Council Website, Meetings and Suggestions

For a more comprehensive report of the latest or indeed previous Parish Council meetings, 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 and lots of information about the parish.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention, please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors, or otherwise, we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting where we include a public participation period where you can raise an item directly. The next meeting of the Council will take place in the **Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November.**

John Scholtens - Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council
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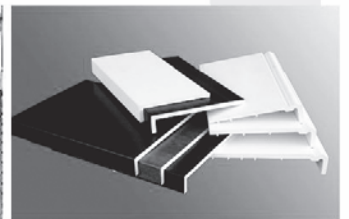
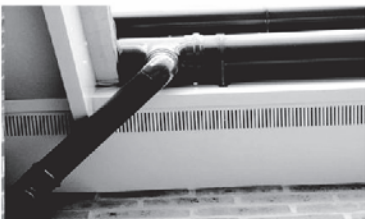
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