



GREAT HORWOOD FRIENDS REUNITED AFTER NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SEARCH

In Focus, May 2018 we reproduced and copy of the Daily Mail article about Diane Lloyd (nee Coombs) and her search for old school friend Barbara Matthews.

They were Friends in the village (Diane lived in School End and Barbara in Spring Lane) from 1958 until 1963, until Diane moved away, when they lost touch.

As a result of the search through the newspaper, Diane and Barbara have at last been reunited and were thrilled to find each other again.

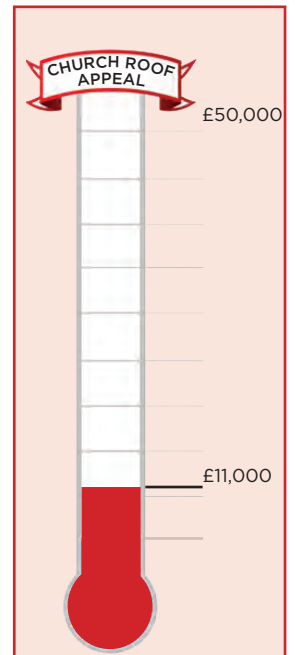
After a day reminiscing on the Green, at the church, and lunch in the Swan, with beautiful sunshine all day, they have vowed to keep in touch.

Maybe those who lived in the village then, in the late 50's early 1960's may remember them.!

In the picture (below right) from their reunion, Diane on the left, Barbara on the right in The Swan.



Barbara and Diane in earlier times.



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St James' Services for November

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3rd Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
10th Nov	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday	P Moyles	-	Clergy
17th Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	J Brigden	I Lamberton
24th Nov	11.00am	Come and Share	N Weir	C Finnemore	Clergy
1st Dec	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison

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.

Church Key November - Ian Lamberton – 715968 December - Denise Davies – 712763

ROAD CLOSURE

As in previous years, St James' has been given temporary road closure on Sunday 10th November 2019. This is for a wreath laying ceremony during the Remembrance Service at St James's 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*

W.I NEWS

Our walking group enjoyed several walks recently despite the poor weather and we are looking forward to our December trek with a festive pub lunch enroute.

At our October meeting a volunteer from The Bucks Owl and Raptor Group gave us a very interesting insight into their conservation work encouraging and protecting a variety of owls and raptors throughout the county. He brought along some examples of the nesting boxes they put up and maintain on farmland for the birds.

Our October biannual group meeting is in Winslow and we have our AGM at November's meeting when we will also have a presentation about safer internet banking. If you would like to join us please contact Angela Mayne on 715400 or angela.mayne@googlemail.com, you would be very welcome. *Sally Ahern*

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Thanks to everyone who came along to our Open Day on the 19th and thanks too if you were able to take away a bargain or two. You can't have failed to notice that we do have quite an extensive stock (!) and it set me wondering why this might be?

Most of us at The Shed remember setting up home for the first time and furnishing it with hand-me-downs or scouring free-ads for suitable bargains. Most of what we got, of course, is now widely dismissed as 'brown furniture' and deeply unfashionable. But we knew that beneath the treacly varnish and ring-marked tops was solid oak or mahogany carefully jointed and strongly constructed to last several lifetimes. We still know this which is why we can't bear to throw it away when we no longer need it - and why we end up having so much of it donated to us at The Shed. And it's not just about furniture. We've got plenty of garden and DIY tools to find homes for as well as garden furniture and accessories.

Fashion has a lot to answer for in current debates about how we use the Earth's resources so it is good to see how ideas such as 'up-cycling', 're-purposing', 'vintage' and 'retro' have taken root as a business imperatives rather than temporary fads. You don't need to wait until our next Open Day if you know anyone in need of some furniture or if you fancy an 'up-cycling' project of your own. Pop in any Tuesday or Thursday or get in touch to arrange a meeting. If we've got something that will suit you but it needs some TLC, then we can probably help there too.

'Probably' in the last sentence is mostly because we can only do what manpower will let us. We always welcome new members so if you've got time on your hands we'd be delighted to see you. There's always plenty to be getting on with if you fancy it and - good heavens - you could be doing your bit to save the planet!

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We are entering into a very busy Christmas season for the band, with some exciting new engagements added to our calendar this year.

We have our annual Christmas Carol Concert on **1st December in the Village Hall at 3.00pm**, where we will be playing many favourites and the audience's choice of Christmas carols. This is a free concert with refreshments, raffle and a collection where all proceeds will go to a chosen charity. Please come along and support this event and have some early Christmas cheer.

If anyone is wondering how they can support the band in a non-playing role, we would be extremely grateful if you could spare some time to come and be collectors for us over our upcoming engagements.

We will be using collection buckets for engagements marked with an *, so if you are able to spare any time at all during these engagements, please contact myself or pop along on a Wednesday evening to tell us when you would be able to help out.

Below is a list of the upcoming engagements:

Sunday 10th November, Winslow Remembrance Parade. 10.30a.m.

Monday 11th November, Remembrance Day service in Preston Bissett Church. 8.00p.m.

Saturday 30th November, Buckingham Light Switch on, Buckingham.

Sunday 1st December at 3p.m. in The Village Hall we will be holding our annual Christmas Carol concert.

Please come and enjoy listening to and joining in with our Christmas music and selection of carols. Again, there will be a raffle, refreshments and a collection for a chosen charity.

Saturday 7th December Carol concert in Milton Keynes Village Hall.

Tuesday 10th December Berryfields, Carols for the arrival of Father Christmas. 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 14th December we are playing during the Buckingham Carnival parade from 10.30 a.m. *

Wednesday 18th December Carols at Tesco Buckingham 6.30 p.m. *

Thursday 19th December Carols around the Christmas tree Adstock

Saturday 21st December and Sunday 21st December, Carols at Tesco Buckingham, both from 10.00 am. *

Tuesday 24th December our traditional carols around Great Horwood.

We start at Townsend and walk around the village playing Christmas carols.*

Again, thank you to everyone who has supported us over the summer and we look forward to seeing everyone over the coming months at the events that we have organized.

Contact myself Sharon Taylor if you have any questions or queries through the following:

Email: ghsbsecretary@gmail.com

Website: www.greathorwoodband.com Or Facebook.

Deadline for next issue 15 November.

WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

November Notes

The major Society event for the Autumn is our November Exhibition over the weekend of **November 2nd & 3rd** at Winslow Public Hall. We expect to have well over 100 of our member's artworks on show and for this pre-Christmas event we will have a small number of member's craft stalls as well as some of our members demonstrating their painting skills and talking to visitors about their work.

There will also be refreshments (and cake!).

This will be an opportunity for visitors to do a little Christmas shopping for some unique items made by our members..... all at what I am assured are very reasonable prices !

The usual programme of demonstration / Speaker evenings is under way with an evening meeting once a month at the Bowls club in Winslow.

Our speaker on October 31st is Zachary Taylor whose subject is 'Musical Instruments as works of art'. Towards the end of November (21st) our speaker will be Sonia Bacchus who will be demonstrating portraiture in Mixed media. Non members are welcome to these evening in return for a modest fee.

Our two weekly painting groups continue (Padbury on a Tuesday morning and Winslow on a Thursday morning) giving members an opportunity to paint in company with others in a relaxed atmosphere.

New members of the Society are always welcome, whether you are an active artist, a total beginner, or simply just interested in how pictures are made.

For more information, the people to contact are :

Treasurer Jackie Chambers (01296) 713607

Secretary Maureen Barnes (01280) 815691

Chairman Peter Weatherill (01908) 675146

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- Tuesday 12th November –** **Frosts Garden Centre** – Browse and maybe do a little early Christmas shopping. Have lunch or afternoon tea in their restaurant and coffee lounge. £5.00 travel.
- Thursday 14th November –** **Westcroft Shopping** - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book.
- Monday 18th November –** **Lunch at The Black Boy in Oving** - £2.50 travel.
- Tuesday 19th November –** **Bicester Avenue** - Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Lakeland, Cotton Traders, Laura Ashley and more. £5.00.
- Thursday 21st November –** **Milton Keynes Shopping** – Drop off & pick up in Centre MK. £4.00.
- Monday 25th November –** **Asda Shopping MK1** - option to go to M&S, Primark, etc., £4.00.
- Tuesday 26th November –** **Winchester** – Christmas Market in the Cathedral Grounds, Shopping, etc , £20.00.
- Thursday 28th November –** **Westcroft Shopping** - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book
- Tuesday 3rd December** **Buckingham Bus** – 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service, bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.
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- Thursday 19th December** **Christmas Lunch – The Old Thatch Inn, Adstock**
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INFORMATION SHARING GROUP

This is a new way of communicating useful information to villagers and was mentioned in a recent edition of Focus. If you would like to receive information first hand, such as PC Agendas, Minutes, Thames Valley Police info, roadworks updates and other ad hoc information, please contact me with your email address and I will add you to my list.

CHURCH LANE ALLOTMENTS

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LAND NORTH OF LITTLE HORWOOD ROAD

The planning application has now been submitted on behalf of High Street Homes for the development of the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan site on Land North of Little Horwood Road. At the September Parish Council Meeting, David Coles Architects presented their plans, where Councillors and the public present were able to view the plans and ask questions.

DEVOLUTION SERVICES

Under Devolution of Services, the Parish Council has the responsibility of keeping the village tidy by trimming back hedges and grass cutting. At the October meeting, the Parish Council made the decision to continue with this arrangement for two more years up to March 2020. Our current contractor cuts the verges every two weeks during the growing season of April to October.

GREAT HORWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan review committee held a meeting on 11th September. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the Great Horwood PC website.

Please note that the Parish Council Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council Noticeboard and also on the Website. The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 11th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. *Sue Brazier, Parish Clerk Great Horwood*
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The camp was designed for boys and girls aged six to 14, who spent the weekend at the Quarries camp site in the Cosgrove area of Milton Keynes.

Activities included climbing, caving, archery, junk modelling, pioneering and problem solving.

One of the highlights of the weekend was an obstacle course that had been erected by adult volunteers and some of the scouts.

This included a rope bridge, balance beam, scramble net and swing rope.

Finlay Boulton from 1st Granborough Scouts said: "I've really enjoyed all the activities, but the best ones were the assault course and the orienteering.

"I really like being in cubs as we have lots of fun, do different activities every week and find out about lots of different things."

Lynn Essam, an adult volunteer from Great Horwood Scouts said: "I got involved as my son was autistic and being in beavers certainly helped him.

"As a volunteer I've seen how inclusive scouting is - it helped my son enormously.

"I've had so much enjoyment helping children try new activities."

Yvonne Taylor, lead volunteer for cub scouts in the district said: "This weekend will give so many children the opportunity to build their confidence.

"They will be encouraged to take the next step up the climbing wall, work with other cubs to build a model and work in teams to get round the assault course.

"I'm sure all of them will go to school on Monday and tell their friends what a "wicked" weekend they have had."

James Palin, lead volunteer for Buckinghamshire Scouts said: "Activities like this are so important for children.

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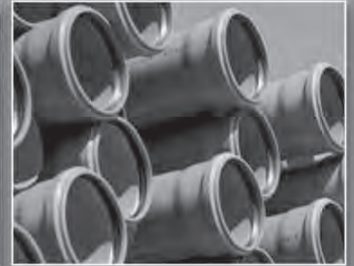
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Pop-Up Carols and Tree Decorating Saturday 14th December, 11am – 2pm

This Christmas, we thought we'd decorate St James' in a different way but we need your help! We are asking all the organizations in the village if they would like to provide and decorate a Christmas tree so St James' is full of Christmas trees during this festive time. The only requirement is that the tree is no larger than 4 foot high and you bring something to stand it in. Be as creative as you like – the tree might be crafted from whatever materials you are good at working with; it might be knitted; it might be a traditional tree with home-made decorations. It's up to you! Unfortunately we will not be able to provide power for Christmas lights. St James' will be open during 11am – 2pm and on the hour, each hour, we will sing two Christmas carols and say a short prayer. There will be a prize for the best dressed tree. Coffee and mince pies will be served during this time too. Please contact me to book your tree place, giving a brief description of how you intend to style your tree and the height. Please would each organisation take their tree away during the first week in January when St James' will be open during daylight hours. Thank you.

Wreath Making

Our Curate Mark Nelson, before ordination was a horticulturalist and Head Gardener. He used to spend time leading wreath making with his volunteers for the National Trust. From 11am – 1pm, Mark will be leading a wreath making workshop. Everything will be provided – all you need to do is turn up! There will be two sizes available: the small size for £10 and the large size for £15. Come along to St James' Church on Saturday 14th December, learn a new skill and have some fun! All welcome. Sue Brazier 714712

Your Church with a Quirk

St. James is without doubt your church, for the church belongs to everyone. Our hope is that everyone in the community will be able to find some point of connection with the church. For some this will be through the traditional services and great festivities of the church at Christmas and Easter, for others through the regular pattern of Sunday services and for others at times of joy or sadness (weddings, baptisms and funerals for example). The church is, of course, open every day as a place where anyone can pop in for some peace and quiet and to say or prayer, or simply just to sit and rest.

Over the last few months we have been thinking of different ways of offering church; hence 'your church with a quirk.' You will have already read about the Christmas Tree festival and Pop up Carols and in the summer we plan to offer three more 'quirky services': On the 14th June at 11 a.m. we will be holding a pet service. Please do bring your pet along for a blessing and, hopefully, a barking good time!

On the 12th July at 5 p.m. why not come and join us for a reflective walk followed by drinks.

And, on the 20th September at 11 a.m. we will be holding our first 'Forest Church.'

Please do join us for 'Your Church with a Quirk.'

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Please do feel free to read my weekly reflection:

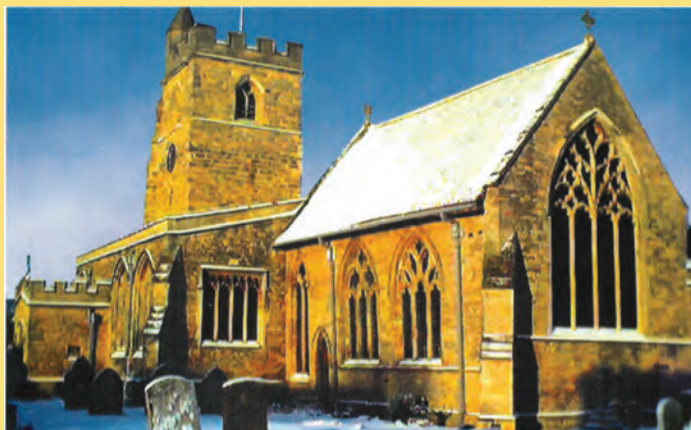
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CHURCH ROOF FUND RAISING

Coffee Morning

Saturday, 9th November

From 10.30 to 13.00



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Please come and join us for coffee and cake in the church.

Any queries: please ring Edith on 715308.