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Remembrance Service – Sunday 8th November – 10.45am in the Churchyard

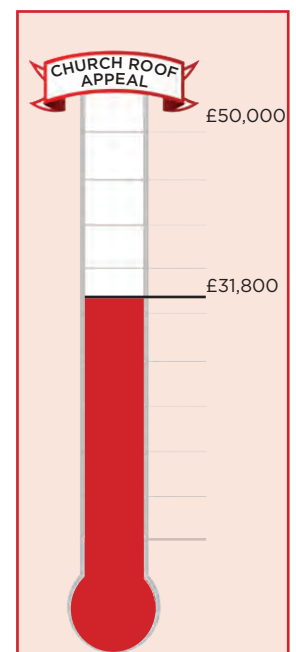


This year's Remembrance Sunday Service will be very different from previous years due to the ongoing pandemic. Unfortunately due to Government guidelines we will not be gathering around the War Memorial nor shutting the road around 11 o'clock as we are not allowed to promote gatherings of people. We are unfortunately not allowed to have the colour parties from the Scouting & Guide organisations either.

We will be holding a service at 10.45am and due to the restrictions of the numbers allowed in the Church currently the service will be held in the Churchyard, gathering near the War Memorial. All are welcome at this service but please ensure to remember social distancing rules. A small number of wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial by one representative of each organisation.

Let's hope for dry weather on Sunday 8th November, when everyone is welcome for our act of Remembrance.

If you have any questions please contact David Brazier - 714712



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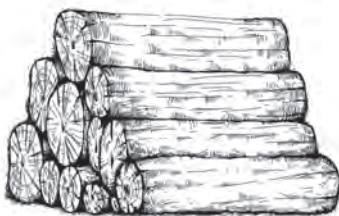
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CHURCH LIGHTING

The church was lit on Wednesday 30th September to celebrate the second Birthday of Tilly Romer-Lee and 19th October to remember Wendy Atkins (Helen Grimditch's mother).

NOTICES

The Day family announces with great sadness the death of their father, Bob Day, aged 96 on 17 September 2020. He died peacefully in his sleep at home. Bob lived in Great Horwood for over 50 years and was a familiar sight at The Crown. His funeral service was held on Monday 28 September at Crown Hill Crematorium and was attended just by his children. If you would like to make a donation in his memory, please make it direct to the British Heart Foundation (<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate/donate-form>). He will be sadly missed by all his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren.

GREAT HORWOOD SCHOOL - PTA

Great Horwood PTA needs you. Usually at this time of year, the PTA is busy planning the school Christmas bazaar, which has always been incredibly well supported by the local community and businesses. Unfortunately this year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we are unable to hold this event and are instead planning a Christmas raffle, open to the wider community, in hopes of raising much needed funds for the school. As the effects of the pandemic have been far reaching we are turning to the community to ask for support in sourcing raffle prizes which could be used to make hampers or be raffled off on their own. If you are in a position to help or would like more information please contact greathorwoodpta@gmail.com by the end of November. Thank you.

W.I.NEWS

At our September Zoom meeting Jane provided us with a quiz which proved quite difficult (for some of us) but it was a fun test of our general knowledge.

We have continued with our local Monday walks and have been very lucky with the weather.

We had a delightful talk this month from the Reverend Mark Nelson who before being ordained last year had an amazing gardening career in many different parts of the world. Apart from working in beautiful Scottish and English gardens, Mark was involved with bushland management in Australia and with teaching plant propagation in Philadelphia and Nepal. His stay in a monastery near Mount Everest was eventful and we enjoyed the slides as well.

Our November meeting is our AGM and we are also hoping to have a game of bingo - all via Zoom!

We are making up our shoeboxes again for Samaritan's Purse which distribute them to needy children for Christmas. Please contact Angela Mayne on 715400 or Angela.mayne@googlemail.com if you would like to join us for a meeting or would like any further information.

GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE HALL

The Hall is continuing to attract customers for the Post Office on Wednesday mornings between 9.30 and 11.00.

Our new cleaner Claire Godwin, a village resident, is settling into her role well and all we need now are more bookings!

Gill Wood has handed over the finances to Russell Margerrison and I will now be responsible for bookings and general administration for the time being.

On behalf of the committee I should like to thank Gill for all her years of loyal service to the Village Hall. She has worked tirelessly during her tenure and we are all very grateful for her dedication and help in developing the hall.

Ian Lamberton 01296 715968

WINSLOW DISTRICT RAMBLERS GROUP

We are pleased to announce that our walks have resumed although numbers are limited to 30 on a walk. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome to try out a walk and then, if they wish, to become a full member. Contact our Membership Secretary, Susan Cobbold, on 01296 670045 or go to the website www.e-voice.org.uk/winslowdistrictramblersgroup

Saturday 7th November 10.30

CUDDINGTON

Park in village streets near The Crown (their car park for customers only). Circular walk through fields to Upper Winchendon (some livestock), crossing the River Thames, passing the old mill and picturesque village of Nether Winchendon 4.5 miles.

Saturday 14th November 10.30am.

STOKE HAMMOND

Park and meet in layby beside canal 1 mile north of village. From Fenny Stratford roundabout layby on left just after turn to Gt Brickhill GR883398. (MK17 9BF) Crossing canal to take Milton Keynes Boundary Walk past Old Dairy Farm Wier and 2002 Jubilee Wood and up to Gt Brickhill. Return on bridleway past Paper Mill Farm, crossing R. Ouzel and then alongside canal. May be cattle in one field. 4.7 miles.

Saturday 21st November 10.30am.

WOLVERTON TO CASTLETHORPE

Meet in car park by viaduct on left of Haversham Road from Wolverton GR817422

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GREAT HORWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB 2019/20 AGM

This event was cancelled due to Covid 19 rules of engagement.

However, here is a recap of our season.

The 2019-20 Season..... that Never Was!

Good evening everyone and welcome to this years AGM. Tonight will be a shorter meeting than usual, due to limited news to report because of the exceptional position we and all of UK sport, have found ourselves in over the past season.

As we all know, the 2019/20 season was a non event due to the arrival of Covid 19 and the subsequent, on going pandemic. A few games were played before Christmas but then as we entered the New Year, word began to spread of a nasty virus coming our way from China, which reached our shores late February early March.

As a result and with guidance from Government and the FA, all remaining fixtures for the season were abandoned and the season finished. As a result, there is very little to report in terms of games played and performances.

However, other events and developing situations do need to be reported on.

As a result of the pandemic, all fundraising was cancelled this year and this will have an impact on the club going forward. I hope that we will be able to schedule the Race Night and Junior Tournaments for this coming season. Having said that, we are fortunate enough to be in a solid financial position as Steve will report on later.

We continue to benefit from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, who carry out the vital behind the scenes work of attending committee meetings, cleaning the clubhouse, general maintenance and grass cutting....without whom, the Club would not be able to operate. My sincere thanks to them all.

At this point, I would like to say a special thanks to our Child Welfare Officer Wendy, who, after getting over her own serious health challenge, has waded in and done a great job, ensuring that the Club has a fit for purpose Covid 19 Risk Assessment policy in place and is following best practice as detailed by the FA.

Two areas of concern that will come as no surprise to any of us, are the on going ability of the volunteers to continue doing their great work and the number of junior teams we are able to field. At this moment, I feel it appropriate that we remember Ray Reading, a great Club supporter and committee member for many years. On the volunteer front, its good to see some 'young blood' increasing their efforts behind the scenes, but I feel we will shortly need more. At time of writing, I'm aware going forward, that we are short of a Treasurer and a Reserve Team Manager. My sincere thanks to Steve and Jack for their great efforts over the past few years.

The other significant challenge we face, is the dwindling number of Junior Teams we are able to field. Over the past few years, we have suffered from a lack of new families moving into the area and the 'pinch effect' of Milton Keynes and Moretonville FC. Hopefully, with the surge in new houses being built locally, some new young players might come forward, but if we are not careful, we could end up with no Junior teams in the near future. This issue needs resolving and any ideas are welcome....even if that means coming to some agreement with Moretonville FC or another local Club.

In conclusion, let's hope we can have a full 2020/21 season (in some shape or form), that more volunteers step forward to help with the running of the Club and that we find possible solutions to our dwindling youth numbers.

Vyv Rudd

Chairman Gt Horwood FC, October 2020

DID YOU KNOW?

The Final Frontier

With everything going on right now, I think you could be forgiven for not paying particularly close attention to what NASA's been up to, but the astronautics industry is entering a new exciting era and while 2020 hasn't given us much to look forward to, man walking on the moon again is certainly something to cling to.

In 2019, NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine announced the Artemis program, building towards establishing a lunar base in 2024, and the first manned mission to Mars in the 2030s. What's different from the Apollo missions is that now NASA has an arsenal of private companies to support, innovate and lead throughout this decade long project. The biggest advancement is undoubtedly the reusable rocket boosters that are now standard on any rocket launch. Pioneered by Space X, boosters (the small white jets straddling the fuel tank) were once single-use only, and were left to fall into the sea after each launch, however new technology means that Space X's boosters can not only control their descent, but can be landed on company boats, ready to be refuelled and launched again almost immediately.

The scope of the Artemis mission, though, has forced engineers to rethink so much of how we've done things before. As the moon has no atmosphere, up until now rockets have only had to endure the scorching heat of re-entry once per flight, which is as they come back to Earth.

Therefore single use solutions like silica tiles have always been used to prevent the rocket overheating. Due to Mars' thick, gaseous atmosphere, these will no longer be practical if we want vessels to be able to make a return journey from Mars. Space X have devised a cunning solution, based on observations from the natural world. On Musk's Starship liquid methane is pumped between two steel panels, where it boils and evaporates away through small 'pores', just like sweating in mammals. This ingenious solution is one of many ways the rockets of the future are being revolutionised.

It is hard to get excited about probes landing on asteroids, or new photos of Saturn, or any of the Earth bound research that has so far dominated 21st century space exploration, but a new dawn is breaking on man's journey beyond the stars, backed by exciting new innovations and renewed competition and vigour. By the time England line up for the next rugby world cup, mankind will be mere months away from landing on the moon's South Pole. It almost makes you optimistic doesn't it?

By Lando Calrissian

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

Excursions and hires remain suspended for the foreseeable future.

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Whaddon, School	10.02	12.00
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GREAT HORWOOD C.O.E SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Hawthorn class are so pleased to be back in school after the challenges faced in the last academic year.

We are all very excited to be back with our friends, some of whom we have not seen for over five months! However, there have been lots of changes in school and things are very different to how they were before lockdown. We are enjoying being able to spend time in our class bubble as this means that we get to play with our friends at break and lunch times. There is lots of different equipment that we have in our class tub to use at break time, but we also get to enjoy the two climbing frames that we have at school. The playground rota is taking a little bit of getting used to, remembering which playground we are on each week to ensure time for quarantining the climbing equipment.



We are all working really hard to remember not to touch anything that is not our own and always washing and sanitising our hands. It has also been enjoyable having lunch together as a class either outside or in our classroom as all of the children are currently having packed lunches.

Finally, we think that our new burgundy uniform looks fantastic and makes us feel much smarter when we are in school.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and the learning and adventures this will bring!

Hawthorns Class

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT GREAT HORWOOD SCHOOL - WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Instead of attending nearby St James Church this year, the children of Great Horwood School celebrated Harvest Festival outside in the playground in their 'bubbles'.

The innovative service, ensured that children could safely enjoy sharing songs, poems and prayers, to say 'Thank You' for their food and the kindness of others. Being outside, close to the school's nature reserve, with a view of the surrounding fields, made the festival even more special, reminding everyone in the small, family school how lucky they are to be able to learn and play in such beautiful surroundings.

Sharing with those less fortunate is the key message of Harvest and Jo Anderson, organiser of St Lawrence Food Cupboard in Winslow, was delighted to accept the Great Horwood School children's gifts, on behalf of the Charity.

St Lawrence Food Cupboard was set up in 2018 in response to local community need which has dramatically increased in recent months due to Covid 19 and the difficulties caused by lockdown. St Lawrence Food Cupboard is now supporting a large number of families in Winslow and the surrounding villages, delivering directly to homes for safety and ease. Sadly, as furlough ends and redundancy threatens, the charity believes that local community need is set to continue.

"Thank you all so much for the very generous donations by parents and children to the Food Cupboard from your Harvest Festival. It is so appreciated by our families, who are really struggling at this difficult time." Said Jo.

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THANK YOU, ROBERT



We can all enjoy the footpaths because they are so well kept. A huge THANK YOU must go to Robert Deuchar, our Footpath Warden who painstakingly prunes and strims the footpaths and the one bridleway in the parish.

LITTER PICK MORNING – A BIG THANK YOU!



A big THANK YOU to all those who turned out to tidy the village. It was great to see the community spirit and lots of rubbish sacks were filled making Great Horwood look even nicer!

A MOAN ABOUT POO BAGS...

Make sure you put your dog's poo bags in the designated bin please. The metal rubbish bin on The Green is not to be used for this purpose. This only came to the Council's attention recently because the bin was extremely full. A Councillor offered to partly remove the rubbish until the bin was properly emptied again. Needless to say, I understand the experience was fairly grim! Please only use the dog waste bins provided – thank you.

WELCOME TO GREAT HORWOOD

A big welcome to our new residents! There have been many people moving in and out recently. We hope you are settling in and enjoying our lovely village community. Would you like to receive a Welcome Pack? This has



recently been updated and includes information on village organisations, the School, Pub, Church and the local area. Please contact John Gilbey by email on johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com

The date of the next meeting is Monday 9th November at 7.30pm. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/ Meetings will continue to be held remotely via Zoom as Government guidelines encourage this at the present time.

Sue Brazier, Parish Clerk Great Horwood
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GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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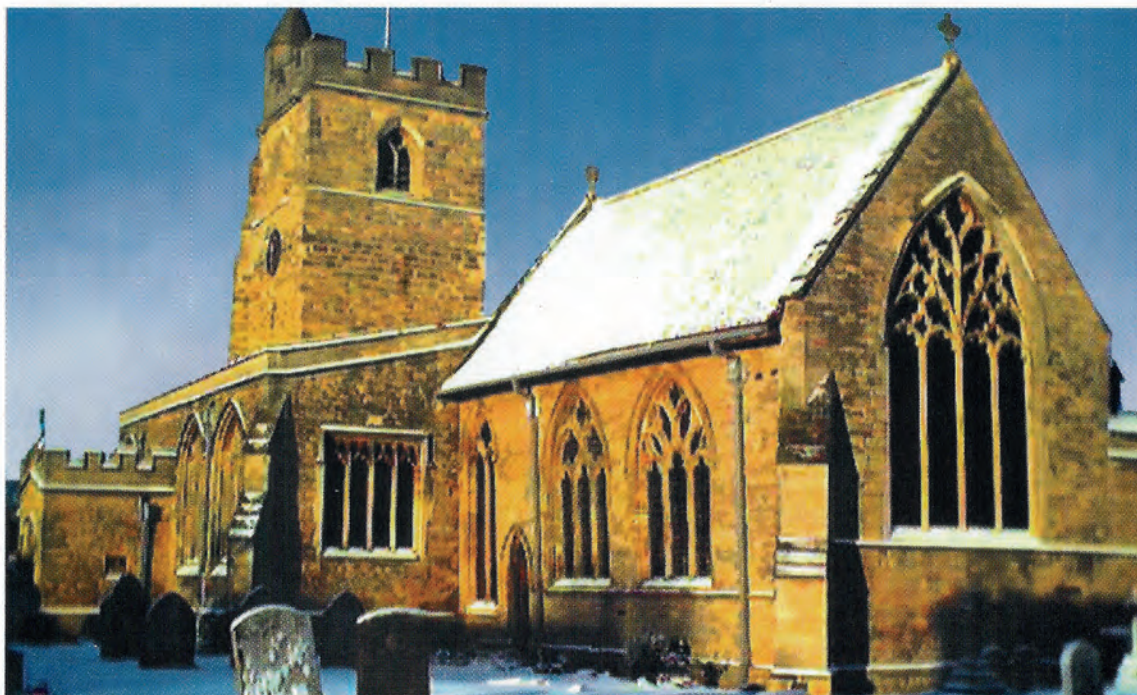
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