

Great Horwood: Past & Present is now available on the Great Horwood History website. The book was written by a group of villagers and published in 2012. The copies were snapped up quickly, mostly by residents and former residents of Great Horwood and Singleborough.

We decided to use the profit we unexpectedly made to fund a village history website. My priority with that first iteration of the website was to present updated and enlarged versions of the individual chapters of the book. It was that work that unfortunately disappeared when the website was lost. No one enjoys redoing work they'd already done so I've been putting it off! A lot of people have moved to Great Horwood and Singleborough in the 13 years since Great Horwood: Past & Present was published and many might be interested in reading it. However, the 'Present' parts of the book are now 13 years out of date so reprinting that original edition seems the wrong thing to do. Instead, with the kind permission of publisher John Whitehead of the former Modestine Press, the individual chapters of the book can now be seen in PDF format on the village history website. Please feel free to download any or all of the chapters if you'd like to but do be aware that some of these are large files that aren't suitable for downloading onto most mobile devices and, if you don't want to overload your computer, a USB stick or external hard drive might be a good idea!

The individual chapters will probably eventually be updated and enlarged but, with the book now on the website, I feel I can turn my attention to some new material for now. As the Guides and Scouts seek to raise the money to complete the first major renovations since their HQ was built, please visit www.greathorwoodhistory.com to find out about the kinds of things we got up to raise the money to build it more than 40 years ago.

If anyone else would like to contribute any pieces of writing or photos to the village history website, I'd be absolutely delighted to hear from you. You should be able to contact me via the website but it's probably easier to contact me directly on 07501 636037 or at claremartin71@btinternet.com.

Clare Martin

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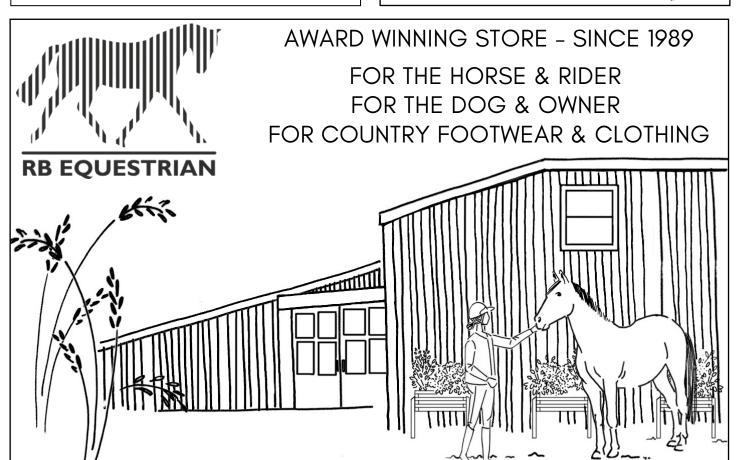
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9th 10.30 Remembrance Service - starting in church and concluding with laying of Poppy wreaths at the War memorial. Refreshments served afterwards in Church

16th 11.15 All Age Communion - Safeguarding Sunday - a more informal communion service

23rd 11.15 Holy Communion - Christ the King

30th 11.15 Holy Communion - Ist Advent Sunday

CHURCH KEY HOLDER: 1st - 15th Rita Essen tel. 798001 16th - 30th Ian Lamberton tel. 715968

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Please come and join us but note the 10.30 start! The service will be conducted by Canon Alan Hodgetts, beginning inside church before transferring to the war memorial in the High Street to observe the 2 minutes silence at 11.00 and laying of wreaths.

Do stay and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

As usual British Legion Poppies are available in Church.

We are hoping to have repaired our Church flagpole or have a temporary one in place.

St James would like to thank all those who generously donated to the fund for Church maintenance again this year.

Rev Steve is currently on compassionate leave following the death of his mother, We send him our condolences. His commentary will resume next month.

IMPROVED BUS SERVICE FOR GREAT HORWOOD

From Monday 6th October the bus service on route 50 between Winslow and Bletchley/Milton

Keynes has seen a significant improvement, with services augmented by a new route 70 providing peak-time journeys between Swanbourne and Winslow.

There are two changes to route 50. The first is that it takes a different route. It no longer loops

round Winslow, Great Horwood, Little Horwood and Winslow again when arriving from Bletchley. Instead, after reaching Winslow the first time, the bus turns back through the Magpie Estate and passes through Little Horwood and Great Horwood to reach Winslow down the main road. That means you can catch the bus to Winslow from the stop opposite the Church for a faster journey.

The other change to route 50 is that there are now five journeys to Bletchley/Milton Keynes each day instead of three, and four return journeys instead of two. Also, the new route 70 provides two extra morning journeys into Winslow (only one on Saturdays) and two extra evening journeys back again. All in all, there are now services every two hours to Winslow down the main road from 7:15 am to 5:15 pm, with an extra service at 8:15 am to the school, in addition to the services to Winslow via Little Horwood. There are also services every two hours (or better) back to Great Horwood. You can find out the details at:

https://media.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/documents/50_51_70_ZS_Transport_September_2025.pdf

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THE EARS OF BLETCHLEY PARK

Dear fellow villagers,

Last year I spoke in the village hall about the Ears of Bletchley Park – the great mass of MI6 broadcasting sites that lie everywhere in the hills around us.

Since then, I have given that talk at many places and I shall give it at many more. Because of it one of my 'customers', The University of Buckingham, has asked me to prepare two more talks. My next one, then, will be about radio, which was first developed in Britain. The third will be about computing (which was likewise born just up the road, guite a big deal that!)

I've called my radio talk Our Sixth Sense. As there is such a strong local link, I will be giving the world premier of it here, in our Village Hall. In it, you will learn how this area was the cradle in the birth of communications that have changed the world. As ever, it won't be dry, it will be understandable, you should enjoy it. It would be great to see you there! See details below. Tea (maybe even coffee) will be provided.

Alan Biggins



Our Sixth Sense

A talk on local history – of global importance — by Alan Biggins

In this, the second of his Intelligence Zone talks, Alan tells how radio, born in Britain, came to power the

He concentrates on the many secret communication sites which fed into Bletchley Park.

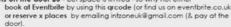
A saga of warfare, magical mansions, the fight for democracy, and the birth of the modern age.

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Venue: Great Horwood Village Hall, MKQ17 0QL

Date: Sunday 16th November 2025, doors open 2.45pm for 3.00pm start Tickets on the door £5 - but space is limited - so why not either book at Eventbrille by using this groode (or find us on eventbrite.co.uk)





Based on Alan's popular book; The Intelligence Zone (www.theintelligencez See Amazon for reviews. Books will be on sale at the discounted price of £10

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GREAT HORWOOD & SINGLEBOROUGH WI

It's hard to believe that it is already November, it doesn't seem that long ago that we were enjoying our summer picnic on a hot summer's evening in August at the cricket club. Where has the year gone?

We are now planning our events and confirming speakers for 2026. In the meantime, we have lots of activities to enjoy before the end of the year. At our October meeting Sarah Wood and Violetta Corzo, from Corzo and Wood who have a shop and silver workshop at the Mursley farm shop, came to tell us about their business and also had a pop-up shop where members could do some early Christmas shopping. A generous 20% voucher was given to each member who was present. Members were also helped to make their own silver earrings or a pendant at the meeting.

In addition, we had our seasonal produce stall at the meeting where people bring and buy surplus fruit and vegetables. Money raised goes into our friendship fund so that we can show support and bring a bit of cheer to our friends in need.

In November we have planned a trip to see the illuminations at Ashridge – billed as the biggest in Hertfordshire. We have booked the Community Bus so no-one has to drive. Walks continue on a Monday and Wednesday and we have been blessed with dry Autumnal weather. Back by popular demand is our plant pot decoration workshop which takes place in the Village Hall towards the end of November. And November also sees our AGM which will include a mince pie tasting competition.

It was with a heavy heart that we learnt of the sad passing of one of our members, Monica Gilbey. "Monica was a long serving secretary on the WI committee until her health declined last year," said Ann Biggins, President, Great Horwood & Singleborough WI. "She was very supportive of me when I took over as President. I greatly valued her advice and we became good friends. She was generous and kind and full of good ideas and we will all miss her and her baking of sausage rolls."

ART AND CRAFT GROUP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING 15TH NOVEMBER

We hope you will come and join us on Saturday 15th November at 10.30-12.30 in the Village Hall. Your Christmas gifts sorted and you get to eat cake too!

We will be selling gifts we have made, ranging from beautiful bespoke boxes, laundry bags, hand knitted hot water bottle covers, lavender bags, crocheted items, cards and anything else we can finish in time!

- Free entry
- Refreshments
- •Marvellous raffle prizes including a luxury Christmas hamper, Champagne and more
- •Children's craft corner
- •Crafting DIY table selling crafting bits and pieces.

Our first group project was an embroidered quilt. This will be on display it took a while to complete and hopefully it will find a good home by the end of the coffee morning.

The Craft group is a small group with a mix of abilities. If you were to walk past the village hall on a Friday morning between 10.00 and 12.30 you most likely will hear chatter and knitting needles clacking away producing our next community project, do pop in and meet us. Some of us are very new to craft so you don't need to worry about not being an expert!

GREAT HORWOOD FETE

Calling All Community Stars!

Our beloved St James, Great Horwood village fete needs fresh energy and new hands to help it thrive! Some of the current committee are stepping down, and we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take the reins. Whether you're a seasoned organiser or simply passionate about bringing people together, we'd love to hear from you.

It's a light-touch setup: planning is straightforward, support is available, and the joy of bringing the community together makes it all worthwhile. Historically it takes place on the first weekend in July. Whether you fancy helping with stalls, sorting logistics, or just offering ideas, there's room for every kind of contribution.

Please contact David Brazier by email

davidbrazier14@tiscali.co.uk Or ghvfete@outlook.com We look forward to hearing from you!

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CELEBRATING HARVEST FESTIVAL: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GRATITUDE AND GIVING BACK

Great Horwood School was delighted to see so many members of our school family, as well as members of the wider community, join us for our Harvest Festival service at St James Church.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity shown through the donations of food and hygiene items for the Buckingham Food Bank. It was the largest donation we have made for several years, and the charities were extremely grateful.

It was a joy to hear the children's voices fill the church with harvest hymns and songs, and for some of our older pupils to share harvest poems they had written. We were so proud of all our delightful children for their contributions to the service. As the leaves of the village trees turn stunning shades of gold, amber and red, we are delighted to be able to share the children's harvest poems with you as well.

As the Autumn leaves fill the floor Glistening, glowing, golden sun. And the bright light of the sky Shines brightly up above.

The conkers, as smooth as silk Fall lightly on damp ground below. Juicy, ripe strawberries fill my mouth I crave for more galore!

Juicy ruby-red apples
Gracefully drop to the ground
Winter is coming
Let's stay warm inside
Lexi, Year 5

The sun's radiance beams upon
The golden corn that is nearly gone
Majestic mangos melt in my mouth
The squadron of geese are heading south

The autumn leaves begin to fall It's time for the autumn brawl How silently they tumble down And come to rest upon the ground

To lay a carpet, rich and rare Beneath the trees without a care Content to sleep, their work well done Colours gleaming in the maturing sun Ethan, Year 6

As sweet as sugar, as ripe as a plum
Taste the fruit on your tickly tongue
Sink my teeth into a crunchy orange stick
I can taste the colours of autumn

Tomatoes, red like autumn leaves The golden corn tastes so rich And the smell of smoky bacon Crunchy creamy taste of apple pie Camilla. Year 6 The farmers in the fields
They work so hard
The farmers work day and night
They are so tired throughout the night

The red leaves
The colourful trees
Scrumptious juicy fruit down my throat
The apples are ripe to pick off the trees

The red leaves
The colourful trees
Some green, orange, yellow, red
The trees are as hard as a rock
Hariah, Year 6

As majestic mornings disintegrate in the sun, The autumn leaves flow whilst they run. A field far beyond is filled with dewy grass, The misty atmosphere hides behind the glass.

The morning churr occupies the air, And emerald green watermelons are pulled in flair.

As syrupy, sweet strawberries melt in my mouth, The auric corn seamlessly flows south.

Luscious tomatoes and rich apples, And aromatic mangoes in multiple dapples. Succulent organic bananas ripen at a leisurely pace,

Which are grown cautiously in an intimate place. As a raindrop falls elegantly, the luxurious items grow more,

As I find delight in all of this galore. Amirah, Year 6

The time has come again
The morning sun shines bright
So let's celebrate all day
Until it nears to night

All the fields are full
Not an empty one in sight
So with all this delicious food
Let's take our first bites

Once we've eaten all the food And we are full with harvest joy It's time to start the party For people far and near

Take your harvest bags and boxes And you know what to do Fill it full of tasty food For others not as fortunate as you

Now we are finished with our celebrations The deep night so crystal clear It's time to grow more crops For the harvest party of next year Alysia, Year 6





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Horwood Show

Wow!

After a 2-year sabbatical the Village Show (now The Horwood Show) was back with a bang. There were a record number of entrants (split: 2/3rds Little Horwood, 1/3rd Great Horwood) and a fantastic display of entries. The lack of vegetables (apparently there has been a drought!) was made up for by the fruit and flowers which had thrived in the frost-free and sunny season. The creative villagers had been busy painting, sewing and constructing, so much so, that there will be an extra handicraft section next year. The children's classes were well entered and as always there was a mouth watering display of baking.

The predicted problems with opening the borders with both for a day did unfortunately materialise when my cattle heard and decided to take a walk around Great Horwood parish uninvited. With me otherwise distracted the helpers were short staffed, but Charlotte, Clare, Fi and families coped admirably with the morning staging and judging.

Fortunately, by lunchtime some sort of order was restored on Hill Farm and I was able to spend the afternoon extracting money from unsuspecting victims (I mean guests) via the raffle and auction.

Everyone joined in with the upbeat spirit at the event and I would like to thank their patience and generosity, which made the event such a success.

Many thanks must go to the Horwood Show sub committee, the judges and, of course, everyone who took part. Planning is already underway for next year's Show (watch the usual media outlets for updates and reminders) when hopefully we can build on the success of the inaugurated Horwood Show.

Kate would be chuffed!

Jeremy

MEN IN SHEDS

Remembrance Day falls on a Tuesday this year so we will, of course, be downing tools at 11:00 and joining the Nation in observing two minutes silence.

The cruelty and futility of war was brought home to us back in May when Fellow Shedder, Roger Churchill, embarked on an epic cycle ride to commemorate the deadly 'Long March' taken by POW evacuees in the closing months of WW2. Among the survivors was Roger's late father, Squadron Leader Richard 'Dick' Churchill, a Stallag Luft III inmate, serial escapee and a key figure in what was to become immortalised in the film The Great Escape. Roger's cycle route started from Stallag Luft III in Poland on the 5th May and finished three days later in Berlin.

We start our winter season of talks this month and Roger has kindly agreed to set the ball rolling with a presentation about his father and about plans for a lasting memorial. The talk is on 6th November at 11:00 and all Shedders and guests are welcome.

Like many, we've been trying to hold on to Summer for just a bit longer by kidding ourselves that we don't need the heating on just yet - but we've relented now of course! Once again, we have signed -up as a Warm Welcome Space so if you are passing and fancy a brew, a warm-up and a chat then just pop-in. Christmas is just around the corner too so don't forget to say Hello when we'll be at the Town Christmas Fair from 5:00 on the 27th.

The Shed is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 4:00 Unit 4, Station Road Ind. Estate. www.MenInShedsWinslow.org.uk
Or for more info call or message Tim Elderton 07746 194163

GREAT HORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Strictly Come Dancing comes to our villages with the booking of four 18th Birthday parties in our Village Hall! We seem to be gaining a good reputation for hosting safe enjoyable occasions so we may have to start looking for a glitter Ball!

Please note that the Post Office will not be open on Wednesday November 5th Now is the time to book the Hall for any festive occasions that you may be planning. lan Lamberton 07973 225428 lanlamberton@aol.com

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GREAT HORWOOD GIRLGUIDING

The Great Horwood Girlguiding units have had another very busy, fun-filled year. We've done all sorts of different activities and earned lots of badges. Some of our most exciting experiences have been partly funded by generous donations from the village. Last year's Parish Council Worthy Causes grant enabled us to take the girls to Gravity trampoline park. We used the kindly donated proceeds of the village quiz towards the cost of a visit from Safari Stu and his animals for all the girls and paddle boarding for the Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Alpaca Evolution in Singleborough very generously gave the Rainbows a free tour and introduced them to some adorable and very patient alpacas. We've also recently received a donation from the church that we'll definitely put to good use. Thank you very much for all of these donations. Your generosity helps us to provide the girls with a variety of exciting, enriching experiences that expand their horizons and build their self-confidence.

We'd really love some more girls aged 10-18 to join our Guide and Ranger unit. It's a friendly and safe environment for girls to get together, socialise, try new things and just have fun. If you've got a daughter in this age group, please encourage her to give Guides a try. We're sure she'll really enjoy it. We also have some spaces available in Rainbows and Brownies.

All three groups meet on Mondays at the Great Horwood Scout & Guide HQ:

5.00-6.00pm - Rainbows (aged 4-6)

6.00-7.15pm - Brownies (aged 7-9)

7.15-8.45pm - Guides & Rangers (aged 10-14 & 15-18)

If you'd like to find out more, please contact me on 07501 636037 or at claremartin71@btinternet.com or register your daughter at https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/Clare Martin















KIDS MOVIE NIGHT

Following on the Kids Movie Night, slightly more raucous than the earlier event, was great fun and we hope to hold a Christmas themed Movie Evening in December, watch this space!

"A Day to Share"

We all thoroughly enjoyed our Afternoon Tea on Saturday 4th October whether serving, consuming or both! It was a joyful afternoon, we were very grateful to all who provided the bounteous deliciousness,it will be repeated!







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NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say – please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website. e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL



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Useful contact details

Members of the Parish Council:

Please note that councillors now have a dedicated Parish Council email address. This is in order to comply with UK Data Protection Regulations 2018. From 1 January 2021 this is now referred to as the UK GDPR. It is good policy to keep council emails separate from private emails.

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PARISH PUMP

Parish Councillors Wanted

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FIX MY STREET

Just a reminder to everyone that "FixMyStreet" is an online facility where anyone can make a public report for things like graffiti, fly tipping,

to Buckinghamshire Council for them to action.

The website address is https://www.fixmystreet.com

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

Buckinghamshire Council has issued a consultation on the draft Local Plan that will identify where and how future development should take place across Buckinghamshire up to 2045. The documents can be viewed at https://buckinghamshire.gov.uk/draft-local-

The consultation closes on 29 October 2025. This deadline is very tight but please have a look and comment if you can. It will affect all of us!

BUCKS FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

The Parish Council have been contacted by the Community safety Co-Ordinator working Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue service. They are offering a FREE 'Home fire safety visit'. Please see notice below - if this is something that you would like to take up, please contact the Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service on the contact details shown.



20MPH ZONE THROUGH VILLAGE

Following on from the village consultation, and the Change.org petition that so many of you signed up to, the Parish Council have written to the Leader of Buckinghamshire Council regarding a 20mph speed limit through the village - we will keep you posted on how this progresses.

Your Village Consultation Document

Thank you for taking the time to complete either the paper or online document. It is much appreciated. Further feedback will be available shortly.

Dog Waste

There are 8 dog waste bins within the village – please remember if you are taking your dog for a walk, please pick up after them and place the waste in the designated bin - thank you.

WELCOME PACK

If you are new to the village and have not yet received a Welcome pack, please email the Clerk and a pack will be sent to you -

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Focus on Line

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November 2025



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Winslow Market Service 54abc - runs every Wednesday morning.

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return.

Buckingham Bus Service – Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. 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.

Tuesday 4th November

Tuesday 2nd December

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Westcroft Shopping -

Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Thursday 13th & 27th November

Thursday 11th December

Thursday 8th & 22nd January 2026

Asda -- travel £5

Bus passes are not accepted on this trip and will cost £5.00.

Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages

Asda Shopping with the option to drop at Stadium MK1 for M&S, Primark, Next and more. Drop off at Westcroft on request.

Monday 24th November

Monday 2nd December

Monday 26th January 2026

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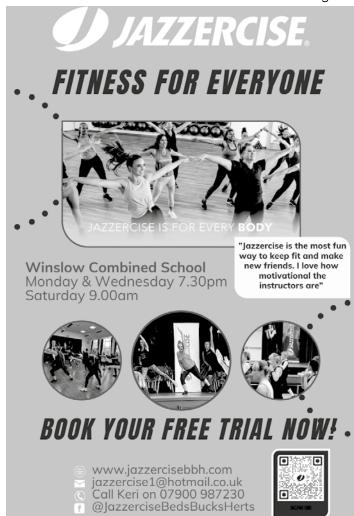
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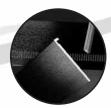
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