

In June, the **D. Jack Smith Annual Charitable Grant** was launched. All Great Horwood village organisations were contacted and encouraged to apply for the grant. A front page article in the July issue of 'FOCUS' invited individuals as well as organisations to apply.

The grant is a donation of \$5,000 (approx. £3150) from Jack Smith, Lord of the Manor of Great Horwood, to good causes in the village. The selection criteria for the grant was '*SOMETHING WHICH BENEFITS THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT HORWOOD, WHICH IS FUN*': something that is wanted but not necessarily needed.

A committee was set up to review the proposals, consisting of a cross section of Great Horwood and Singleborough residents not involved in any of the applications. The members were Karen Francis, Ted Hadlow, Charlie Allen and Dean White (chairman); a mix of ages (teenager to 'somewhat older'), gender, and experiences. The committee made recommendations as to who should receive the grant and these were endorsed by Jack Smith.

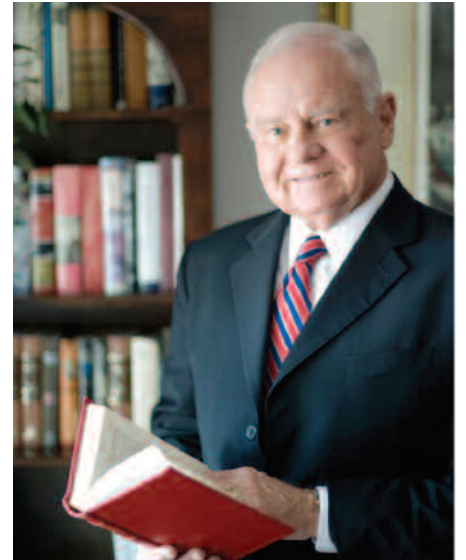
On the 9th of September just before the monthly Parish Council meeting the awards for the grant were presented by Dean White, chairman of the review committee. Five awards were made as follows:-

Great Horwood School PTA (Parent Teacher Association): £850 for a chicken coop and a years' supply of food so that the children can raise and care for chickens and sell their eggs.

Great Horwood Silver Band: £195 for two lightweight musical instrument cases.

Great Horwood Football Club: £711 for new goals, spare parts for goals and fencing to assist in the funding of a major junior tournament that was held at the club at the end of August. It is hoped this will become an annual event.

Footpaths Warden: £1000 for 4 new swing-type gates to make an existing footpath between the north-eastern end of the village and Singleborough accessible. Opening up this footpath will have the added benefit of making a circular walking



D Jack Smith at home in Memphis, USA

route between Great Horwood and Singleborough because it will link up to two other footpaths. In all, 8 gates will be bought in order to fully open the footpath. Bucks Count Council promised to match Jack Smith's donation and will fund the other 4.

Youth Club: £400 for seating and paint to create an attractive outdoor area at the back of the village hall to be used by the Youth Club and other village hall users. Youth Club members and supporters will do the work.



Recipients of the award at the presentation l-r: Tracey Lee, Dean White, David Saunders, Beryl Lack, Sheila Landymore, Steve Bennett. (Robert Deuchar – Footpaths Warden – not present).

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27th Oct	11.00am	Service of the Word

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Great Horwood CE Combined School *25 Years of Service for Mrs Elmes*

Congratulations go to Mrs Elmes who has reached the amazing milestone of twenty five years of continuous service at Great Horwood School. During this time, Mrs Elmes has done an excellent job looking after the classrooms and school grounds. We would like to thank Mrs Elmes on behalf of the whole school community for her efforts over the last quarter of a century!

Paul Adams: Headteacher

St James Church Coffee Morning and Giving Day - Saturday 19th October 10am to 1pm

Our beautiful church remains a focal point within the village but did you know that it cost nearly £4000 just to insure? All the funds to run and maintain this wonderful building are raised from within the community and we are holding our annual Giving Day on the **Saturday 19th October between 10am and 1pm.**

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Great Horwood Silver Band

Band members were very pleased to receive the D. Jack Smith award to purchase two light weight Gig Bags. One for Emma our lady percussionist and one for Katy our lady bass player. The cases they are now using are very heavy and the lightweight gig bags will be a welcome asset. We are grateful to the committee for recommending us for the award and for the generosity of D. Jack Smith. We have received the percussion Gig Bag. The Bass Gig Bag is in the process of being made and we expect it to arrive during October.

Congratulations to Trombone player Lauren Cook on her 'A' level results and to Cornet player Lee Hart on his GCSE's.

Well done Mabel Mainwaring for obtaining Distinction in grade two Recorder.

100 Club winners for August were

- Nick Stribling £10
- Christine Godwin £8

The Band enjoyed playing to the large crowds at the Winslow Show on August bank holiday Monday, and on Sunday 1st September to a large and appreciative audience in Leighton Buzzard Park. On Sunday 8th September they were at Little Brickhill for their show, this was a new engagement for the band and the organisers were very pleased and asked that we return there again next year.

Band members took part in the tug of war competition and they **WON!**

The next band engagement is for the **CONCERT** in aid of **ST JAMES' CHURCH RESTORATION FUNDS.** The Concert will be in **GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 7.30 pm. Entry fee is £5. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be available during the interval.**

Beryl Lack

AUTUMN CHARITY CONCERT on Saturday 5th October 7pm – 9pm (SEE Ad OPPOSITE)

To help the funding towards the repair of the Listed West End Churchyard Wall at Great Horwood, Ron Elmes's family are giving an Autumn concert in St James Church on **Saturday 5th October, 7pm - 9pm.** Light refreshments. Tickets £10.00. Children £5.00.

Your support would be very much appreciated, and everyone is welcome, so please join us for an evening of acoustic music, including folk, country and well known tunes. There will also be a raffle and refreshments. Contact jenny@jennymurraymusic.co.uk 07800 634017 or 01296 713853 for tickets or buy on the door on the day.

Jenny Murray

Church Wall Restoration

Please help us to bring **NEW LIFE** to the West End Churchyard Wall, parts of which have fallen down making the whole wall unstable. It will cost £4500 to rebuild. **PLEASE SPONSOR A BRICK** at £5 a brick and help contribute to the history of St James Church and Churchyard.

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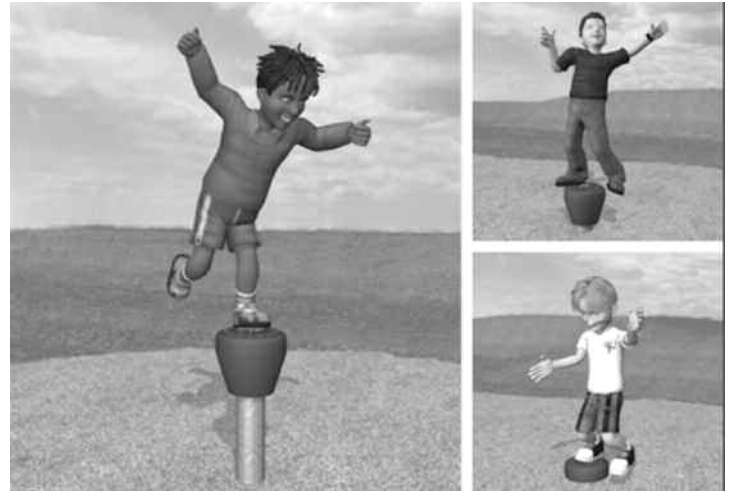
The Trustee Board meets approximately six times per year in Middle Claydon near Buckingham. In addition to attending board meetings you should be prepared to support a specific area of the Trust's work as well as lend support and advice to staff and promote Puzzle Centre generally.

There is no remuneration but reasonable expenses can be paid. You will be able to contribute your experience and ideas and to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of children and families with young children disadvantaged by autism or similar communication disorders.

For further information about the Puzzle Centre, please visit our website at www.puzzlecentre.org.uk where you can download our information pack 'Become a Trustee' and contact Puzzle's Principal, Alexandra Stanyer, on 01296 733900 for an informal discussion.

Mandy Lawer, Administration Manager, Puzzle Centre

A HOP, STEP AND JUMP



There will soon be some more new equipment on Horwode Pece. Funding has been secured for **six stepping pods (2 large, 2 medium and 2 small) and a triple balance beam.** We must thank Bucks County Council for this allocation from their 'Local Area Forum: Local Priorities Budget'. Funds aren't just given, you



have to prepare a bid, submit it, then cross your fingers and hope. This time we were successful, which is due to the efforts of Cathy Holland, who prepared the bid, and John Gilbey, who eloquently defended it with the County Council, so helping to secure the money. It helps that you all use the Rec. We now regularly get graded as 'a good and well maintained recreation ground' by ROSPA and have a team of helpers that keep it in good order; they cut the grass, strim and regularly inspect the equipment, the latter on a weekly basis. This all helps, because the Council likes to support facilities that are used and enhance the local community. Thanks to all of our dependable helpers.

These new pieces will promote the skill of balance as well as providing challenging fun; either on the triple balance beam or stepping from one pod to another, the next one just slightly higher, before working your way back to ground level.

It has been suggested that we install these stepping pods between the two play areas. What do you think? We welcome your suggestions, just e-mail Liz at liz.nicholls@lineone.net.

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Lions Club of Winslow

Yet again, we have survived two of the most demanding events of the Lionistic year. Both the Winslow Show and the Bucks Show require virtually a 100% turnout from the Club to make sure that both events run smoothly.



Brilliant weather brought out a great crowd for the Winslow Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. One of the attractions we provide is the 'Wheels in Winslow' event, where the proud owners of 'elderly' vehicles, present and explain their pride and joy to the interested public. This year

over 60 vehicles were available for inspection and scrutiny – the photograph shows the wonderful view from the 'Wheels' display area.

As an indication of the large crowd, the beer tent managed to exhaust 8 barrels (700 pints) of lager, besides battling with an unwelcome influx of (drunken !!) wasps.

As ever, our grateful thanks to the Scouts, Rotary, Young Farmers and all those who helped to provide a real co-ordinated team effort in conjunction with the Winslow Show Association.

Following rapidly on, the Club members were also well to the fore at the Bucks County Show on the Thursday. Once again, we provided the manning for the various entry and exit gates, assisted by volunteer Ladies from Winslow and the Lions Club of Aylesbury. Thank you all for your help. Again, the great weather should produce a record attendance – we await the results...

Our next big event is the Lion's firework and bonfire night – watch out for more details about a great evening for all the family in the Paddock behind the Public Hall. See you there... and more news next month..... !!

Jack Milburn (Past President, Winslow Lions Club)



Neighbourhood Watch

If you wish to **have your say**, the next meeting is at Henry's, High Street, **Winslow at 10:00 - 12:00 on the 15th of October and the 18th of October in the village hall Great Horwood**, The contact is PCSO Wendy Taylor.

Winslow Office is now open to the public 6 days a week due to a very supportive team of volunteers, also when the Winslow Farmers Market is on, the office will be open on the Sunday, so that particular week it will be open for 7 days

THAMES VALLEY POLICE ALERT:- Ask yourself: Is your home secure?

As the summer has drawn to a close and autumn is with us, it is important to keep your home secure. On the 27th October, the clocks will go back one hour and darker nights will draw in. Follow the Community Safety Partnership top tips and secure your home as the seasons are changing.

- Lock your doors and windows regardless of whether you are in the property or not. In more than 75% of cases the point of entry for a criminal into a home is through a door or window.
- Here's a bright idea: leave a light on! Timer switches activating a light upstairs are great at making your home appear occupied. Switches can be purchased for less than £5 from most hardware shops.
- Don't leave expensive items on display. Put valuable gadgets out of sight of windows and doors.
- Keys left near entry points can be 'fished' or 'hooked' out through the window, letter box or cat flap. Put keys away and out of sight.

- External automatic security lighting and household alarms are great ways to deter opportunists.
- Ensure any internal handle operated locks on UPVC doors are fully secured with a key. Do not leave the key in the lock.
- Property mark your valuables with UV Pens, Selecta DNA or Smartwater. When goods are marked it enables recovered property to be returned and improves the chance of conviction.
- If you see anything suspicious call the non emergency 101 police contact number. 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.

By the way, Thames Valley Police no longer use the 8045 8 505505 contact number so you must use the 101 number for non-emergency calls.

For any Neighbourhood Watch matters contact me on 713716 or call at 3 Greenway. More in November.

Regards, Ted Hadlow

theWI W.I. News INSPIRING WOMEN

Garner, a gorgeous brown-eyed, affectionate and fun loving Gordon Setter stole the show at our September meeting. Sue Mitchell his owner took us along the complicated show circuit path which leads to the world's largest dog show; Crufts. She told how the breed originated in Scotland, about the lineage of her dogs and the standard the judges expect to see. Sue explained how she prepares her dogs for a show, the training, feeding and grooming necessary to produce a champion. And she has produced champions including Best of Breed in 2009. Throughout this Garner delighted in the ear ruffling, pats and strokes of his adoring public. He will be at Crufts next year so wish him well!

October is going to be a busy month: On the 1st we are off to The George, in Winslow for a skittles night. We are unsure of the rules but it should be a bit of a giggle and it will certainly bring out the competitive spirit in some of our members. At our monthly meeting on the 8th Charlie Laine is coming to speak to us from Disability Snowsport, a charity providing access to snow-sports for those with disabilities and who also work with the British Disabled Ski Team.

The Chase Group, (other WI's from this area, Mursley, Stewkley, Drayton Parslow, Winslow and ourselves) are having a joint meeting on the 15th when the speaker will be Matthew Collins, 'Special Assignments Man' from BBC tv's The Travel Show. This should be an interesting evening as he has travelled far and wide from the age of 18 so has plenty of stories to share.

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
- 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.

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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

LAST MEETING – MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Neighbourhood Plan

As I told you in my report in the September edition of Focus, 4 out of the 5 members of the Neighbourhood Plan Team had resigned and so the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish had been put into abeyance. At the Parish Council meeting on 9th September I advised that I did not think that the Parish Council can abdicate its responsibility for the production of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish and I presented a possible way to move on which was unanimously approved by the Council. Therefore David Saunders and I will be meeting with a representative of Community Impact Bucks (CIB) on Wednesday 18th September to see if they can offer any advice on helping us find a way forward. It was CIB who commissioned the consultants who have produced a well received draft plan for Winslow in a very short time.

In the meantime a resident of The Close has produced a petition which has been signed up to by 86 households in the village supporting the idea of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish. I would not say that the petition is fully representative of the parish as I understand that many areas of the village were not canvassed. However it does appear that there are enough residents who believe that a plan is necessary in order to ensure any development is controlled and not left entirely to property developers. This should ensure that there will be sufficient support for continuing with the work of producing a plan. I am hopeful that at least one other member of the Parish Council will join me if we can agree to a new team being put together which can be considered representative of the parish and this team will obviously need other volunteers from the community to join with us.

Movable Vehicle Activated (Speed) Signs Installation

Cllr. Porritt is now in touch with the contractors and is trying to ensure that the necessary training takes place as soon as possible and the installation at the proposed sites takes place shortly after.

John the Barber

As many of you know "John the Barber" has been visiting the village every Thursday for more than 6 years and parking his van on The Green. He pays the Parish Council a small monthly sum for this facility. From time to time there have been complaints about the noise of his generator from local residents. When such a complaint was made again I decided to survey the residents in the area to ascertain the degree of problem. A simple questionnaire was delivered to all the properties around The Green. We received 10 responses only 2 of which felt that the noise did constitute an unacceptable nuisance. The questionnaire also asked if any of the residents would be willing to allow John to plug into their electricity supply with a mutually agreed sum to be paid in compensation. One resident has volunteered to do this and John the barber has been informed of this offer.

Recreation Committee

No report was received from the Recreation Committee.

Hand Rail opposite 2/4 Nash Road

Cllr. Mayne has organised for this to be installed before the winter weather arrives.

Village Freighter

We have still never been able to obtain any information from AVDC on how many people used the freighter when it visited the

village. So it was agreed that we will request a visit to take place and ask the driver to record the number of villagers using the service before the Council makes a final decision on whether to continue to pay for further visits. The planned visit will be publicised in Focus and on the Parish Council notice board.

Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following report for our meeting.
"All the Parish's footpaths have been inspected and pruned between 18 and 28 August"

Parish Council Website

For a more comprehensive report of the Parish Council meeting 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.

If you have any items that you would like to bring to the Council's attention at any time please contact either the Clerk or any Councillor and we are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which we always have a public participation period.

The next meeting is to be held on **Monday 14th October 2013 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council
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GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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