

October 2014

# Harvest Celebrations

The idea of celebrating harvest goes back much further than the time of Jesus – and you do not have to be a Christian to be grateful for the harvest. Harvest is not a specific Christian festival in the way that Christmas and Easter are, but Christians, like other people, have wanted to say thank you at this time of year for what they have been given.

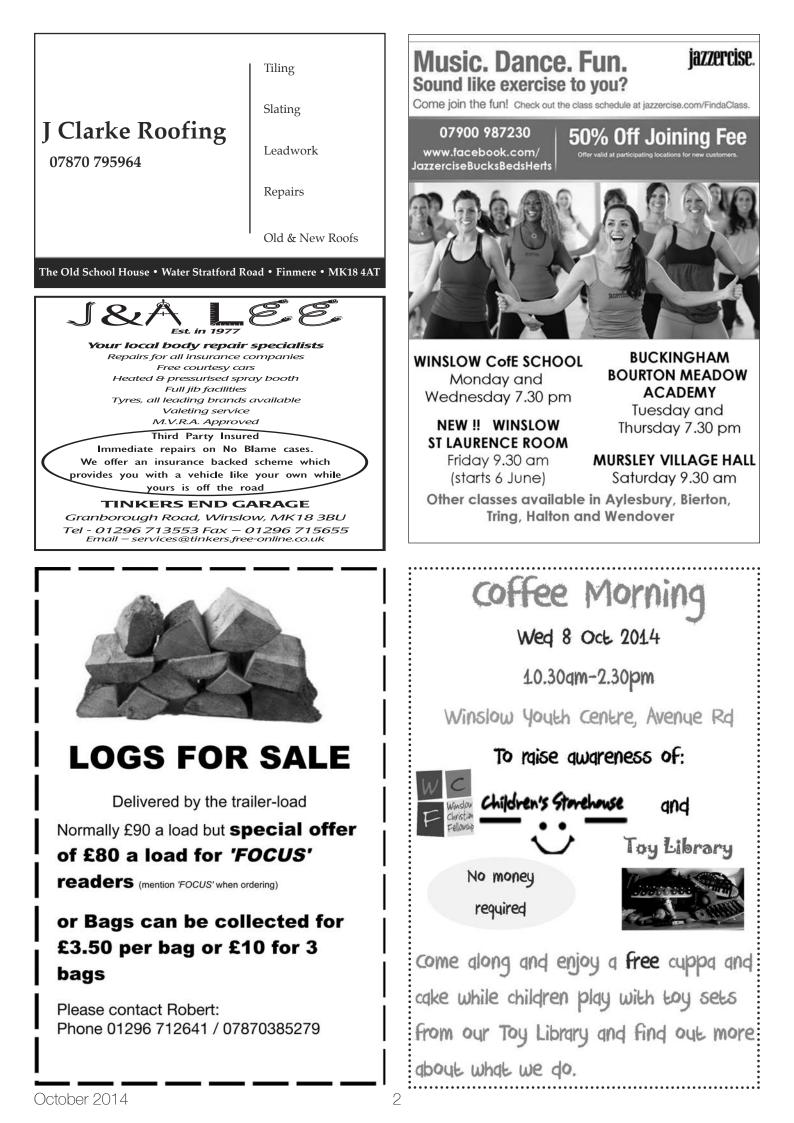


St. James' Church has a long history of celebrating harvest time, and this year we begin on October 3rd. with our **Harvest Supper**, held in St James Church, starting at 7.30pm. On offer will be a delicious home-cooked three course supper priced at £6 for adults and £3 for children – a great night out for all the family. Booking is a necessity through June Margerrison 714554 or Sue Brazier 714712. Please bring your own drinks.

Our **Harvest Service** will take place at St. James Church on October 5th at 11am. We are once again supporting the MK Food Bank Harvest Appeal, and would ask for donations of tinned, dried or long-life food to be left in the church during the week leading up to October 5th. Donations will be displayed at the altar during our harvest service.

Graeme and Gary at the Swan will be hosting our **Harvest Auction** this year, to be held on October 9th at 8pm. This is an extremely entertaining and popular event, and once again we have obtained the services of Will Abbott as auctioneer, so do arrive early to be sure of a seat. Should you have any items to donate please leave them at the Swan or with June Margerrison at 5 Wigwell Gardens during the week before.

St James' PCC



# **Church Times**

St James' Services for October

5h Oct	11.00 am	Holy Communion
5h Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion
12th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Come and Praise
19th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)
26th Oct	11.00am	Service of the Word

#### Rector: rector@winslowbenefice.org.uk Tel 712564 Assistant Priest, Rev Geoff Ball geoff@winslowbenefice.org.uk Tel 715131 www.winslowbenefice.org.uk

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S Barfoot	J Brigden	Clergy		

#### Church Key Rota



Noreen Weir - 713604

#### St James Church Coffee Morning and Giving Day. Saturday 11th October 10am - 1pm



We are holding our St. James Coffee Morning and Giving Day on October 11th, 10am to 1pm.

Our beautiful church remains the main focal point within the village, but did you know that it costs nearly £4000 just to insure? All the funds to run and maintain this wonderful building are raised from within the community. Please come along to see the church, enjoy a coffee and cake and view some of the historic artefacts from our 800 year history. If possible, it would be greatly appreciated if you could make a donation using the envelope in Focus which enables us to reclaim tax if you are a UK taxpayer, or one of the envelopes available in church. Alternatively, donations can be passed to David Brazier 714712 or Russell Margerrison 714554.

#### Lighting of the Church Tower-



The tower was lit on the:

- 19th August to commemorate Sue and David Brazier's Silver Wedding Anniversary
- 27th August to mark Bob Ridgeway's funeral and passing
- 1st September for Valerie and Graham Porritt's Pearl Wedding Anniversary
- 19th September for the Requiem Mass of Audrey Taylor who passed away on September 8th

lan Lamberton

#### Great Horwood Toddler Group



We are a small friendly group who meet Monday afternoons (term-time only) 1.30pm – 3pm in the Village Hall. Children play safely and we have tea/coffee.

Come along and see what we have to offer. You'll be assured of a warm welcome.

- 1.30pm 3pm every Monday in the Village Hall
- £1.50 for first child, 50p any additional children
- Includes juice and fruit for the kids

Contact Lynn Essam 07785 780357 for more information.

#### St James' Mowing Day



We are intending to tidy up the Churchyard on the Giving Day, 11th October between 12 – 3pm. If anyone could spare an hour or so, this would be gratefully appreciated. Please feel free to bring your own tools if you would prefer. Look forward to seeing you there.

David Brazier - 714712

#### **Request to Residents**



At the September Parish Council Meeting it was asked if residents could be reminded of the importance of keeping any hedges which border a footpath well trimmed. Overgrown hedges on the footpath endanger pedestrians and make passing difficult. Additionally, please be reminded that any faulty street lights should be reported to the Clerk, Karen Francis on 01296 712941.

Karen Francis

#### Great Horwood Village Hall -Please note change of booking clerk for Great Horwood Village Hall



Available for hire for functions and parties. Contact Gill Wood on 01296 712165

#### Whist Group

Our next Whist dates are 25th Sept, 9th and 23rd Oct: 7pm Great Horwood Village Hall. We are a small group of people who enjoy playing a friendly game of cards. Visitors and new players are always welcome.

#### Art and Craft Club.

We meet on a Friday morning from10 O'clock at Great Horwood Village Hall.

We all do different things: sewing, knitting, painting, paper crafts and of course just chatting! We try to have a go at a new skill every month. Sometimes with hilarious results. Visitors are always welcome.

To find out more about the two clubs contact Gill Wood 01296 712165

#### Village Shop



Thank you to everyone who has helped so far with the promotion for the possibility of a Community shop. We had a good response, although apologies for surveys not picked up, the summer holidays got in the way. We've also had positive input from villagers willing to join a steering team, so **if you'd like to take an interest we'd be very happy to hear from you** especially if you have business experience, even if your time is limited. The next meeting date and time is yet to be decided.

Jane Holland: 715704 & Karen Francis: 712941



Macmillan charity coffee Morning – 29th September @10am coffee & cake £2.50

Quiz Night - October 5th from 7pm - Register your team now!

Harvest Festival Auction 9th October, Doors open 7.30pm

The Swan is now open every Friday and Saturday from 8.30am for Coffee, Pastries and Panini's. Full breakfast offering to follow shortly

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#### Message from PCSO Wendy Taylor

#### Vehicle Crime

Sadly, we have to reiterate last month's advice on security of vehicles when left unattended. There has been a spate of thefts from a number of vehicles where they were left insecure by the owners and valuables left on display. The vehicles were targeted by opportunist thieves, and the items stolen.

We are asking car owners to remain extra vigilant, and to consider the **following crime prevention advice:** 

- Lock your cars securely. Double check the car door handle is securely locked before you leave your car unoccupied.
- Do not leave belongings on display. Wherever possible, remove all valuable items.
- · Park your car in the garage or in a well lit area.
- Leave the glove box open to show there is nothing worth stealing.
- · Do not leave keys near front doors or on display.
- Remove any Sat Nav holders and marks on windscreens which may draw attention.

#### Rural Crime

On a more positive note, NFU Mutual's rural crime survey for 2013 has shown that rural crime is down by 19 per cent across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire collectively.

Thames Valley Police is one of the few forces across the country to have seen a decrease with national figures showing a 5.2 per cent increase in rural crime.

Last year, Thames Valley Police made concentrated efforts to tackle rural crime by conducting intensive operations to tackle criminals who target the rural economy, improve security in the rural areas and gain the trust and confidence of the farming communities.

Officers learnt more about how the farming community work and now understand the impact rural crime has on business and livelihoods. The policing activities and new skills implemented throughout the last year are now business as usual for the whole Force, and Thames Valley Police will continue to drive crime down further.

Wendy Taylor

#### Great Horwood Silver Band



The Last Night of the Proms Concert at

Leckhamstead on Saturday 6th September was a great success and was extremely well received by the picnickers who danced and sang the night away. The band's programme included the Radetsky March, Jerusalem, Land of Hope and Glory and finished with the Henry Wood Fantasia on British Sea Songs.

The Band is now rehearsing for the next engagement which is the Concert for the Buckingham twinning association on **Saturday 11th October in the Buckingham Community Centre at 7.30pm.** Tickets are £8 adults, £5 Concessions. Tickets are available from the Tourist Office, Old Gaol Buckingham or Terry Bloomfield on 01280 815336. They will also be available at the door on the night.

The twinning association have applied for a licenced bar and other refreshments will be available.

Emma Stafford, our percussionist, is off to university in Nottingham so will be away during term time.

We welcomed George Porritt to band rehearsal on Wednesday

10th September. George plays percussion and is a very talented musician . George fitted in very well with the band. Caspar Mainwaring is also learning to play the cornet. We look forward to them possibly becoming members in the near future.

100 Club winners were:

- Linda Goodwin £12
- Vicki Cook £8

Beryl Lack

#### Great Horwood Football Club

Great Horwood Football Club's season is in full swing for all teams. A mixed start for the Senior Teams as seen below:

First Team

GHFC vs Silverstone - 3-1

GHFC vs Comet MK - 6-1

GHFC vs Aylesbury Dynamos- 1-6 (County Cup)

The First team currently sit second in the league after the first 2 games of the season. With players coming back from other commitments they will look to push on with their season in their bid for the league title.

Reserves

GHFC vs Padbury - 5-0

GHFC vs University of Buckingham - 0-5

GHFC vs Deanshanger Athletic - 4-0

GHFC vs Wicken Reserves – 2-3

The reserve team currently sit 5th in the league after the first 4 games of the season. With 3 players returning from other commitments the Reserve team will feel they have a good chance of pushing on for contention this season.

Veterans

GHFC vs Wollaston Victoria Reserves - 3-6

GHFC vs FC Lions - 1-2

The Vets have had an unlucky start and a close game with FC Lions could have seen the points go elsewhere. However, as the season goes on the Vets will be confident of pushing on and grabbing a few wins.

Upcoming fixtures and league tables for the Senior teams can be viewed at these websites:

http://www.nbdfl.co.uk/ - First Team and Reserves

http://full-time.thefa.com/Index.do?league=8041368- Veterans

Great Horwood Football Club's Sponsor, **The Swan Inn**, invites all players and spectators back to the pub after each game for a drink or bite to eat.

Training will continue up at the Football Field on Tuesday nights at 6:30 until the clocks go back. Please come along if interested.

#### Chris McStraw

- FOR SALE: Two pairs of bedroom fully lined curtains with tie backs - Width 64 inches un-gathered, drop 44.5 inches. - Rosedale 100% cotton - flower & leaf pattern on cream background. - Four matching cushion covers - Also spare material for bed cover.
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Yours for a DONATION TO ST JAMES' CHURCH... Leaf Blower – as new • Electric Hedge Cutter – unused Fruit Punnets – unused Garden Shredder – very good condition Clay Roof Tiles

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#### Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club -A.G.M. 15th September 2014



I welcomed all the young people to the Annual General Meeting and thanked them for coming. Sadly no parent or carer attended. And this is what I said :-

"I will try to keep this very short as I am sure that you are all keen to start making and EATING your pizzas.

The Past year has once again been a busy one for our few volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this Youth Club a fun and safe place for all to be. It could be thought that 7pm - 8.30 is the only time that the volunteers are involved, but in fact, and I can certainly confirm, that many hours are spent behind the scenes in order to make this Youth Club the best it can be. So I think we should all join in with a round of applause for each and every one of the adult leaders.

I also have some really positive news because Issy, Daisy and Jake have volunteered to become Young Leaders....they have already come up with some great ideas....they will be leading some activities, so please support them and let them know if you have any ideas for club nights.

I have carried on going to the Bucks Local Area Forum meetings, in fact Issy, Daisy and Jake also attended one meeting and our attendance has certainly shown me that this village is one of a very few to have a Youth Club. I have filled out many long application forms and we have been successful once again in gaining grants to pay for some bought-in events for the rest of this financial year and to pay for the Young Leader's training in February 2015

We have enjoyed a great year and been able to organise some fantastic events: e.g. the enormous meal at Nandos, Pop Up Café, Sumo wrestling, sports cage, Christmas disco, Bonfire night and Skate Park to name but a few. We now have approximately 37 Young People on our register which I think confirms the success of this Youth Club.

At present our Management Committee is:-

David .....treasurer and safeguarding officer

Amy .....first aider

Helen .....adult leader.

So could these people confirm that they wish to continue please? (...all said Yes)

Could we have a proposer and seconder from the audience please?. (agreed)

Finally thanks to Liz who always arrives early to help me put out the tables and chairs and activities also to Big John who even though he is not formally an adult leader is often willing to come along and help. Thanks to you both.

I will now conclude with a bit more good news and say welcome to Ruth who has volunteered to come along to GHAS Youth Club and be an adult leader.

However, as always we do need more volunteers from the village, I am beginning to feel a little too old and so please volunteer if you can.

I will now hand over to Helen and to David for their reports and then ask for some of our Youth Club members to give their views".

Jake, Oliver and Evie told us how much they enjoy GHAS Youth Club and Jake thanked the leaders.

David read out a summary of the financial position and told us that GHAS is "excellent in financial terms" due in the main to the support from the Local Area Forum and the Parish Council. David informed us that he intends to retire from his role at the next AGM and so a volunteer to take on the role will be needed.

Helen thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and informed that the benches would soon be fitted and that the Youth Club would be painting a mural to brighten up the outside space.

#### Monica Gilbey (chair GHAS Youth Club)

#### Neighbourhood Plan Objection: A Clarification

I would like to clarify something which appeared in July's edition of Focus.

The front page report regarding the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan Update details the response by residents to the proposals and refers to: " 60 against at least part of the plan (of whom 43 signed one petition)". To characterise the document that was presented to the GHNPT as a "petition" is misleading. A "petition" implies that this is simply a group of disaffected residents saying, "we don't want houses here!" The fact is that what was presented to the Neighbourhood Planning Team was a letter of objection, signed by 49 residents (6 of whom felt sufficiently motivated to also write to the NPT independently), voicing a very real and specific concern about the proposals that are being made. Those concerns are as follows:

The Neighbourhood Plan Proposal contains the following limitation :

"Section 4: Land Use Policies,

The Neighbourhood Plan will support development proposals on land within the GHSB provided:

i.they comprise no more than 15 dwellings and land of no more than 0.5 Ha;"

The proposal to limit development in any single area of the village to a maximum of 15 dwellings has been promoted as a central plank of the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan, the objective ostensibly being to ameliorate the impact of development on any particular part of the village. The proposed developments by Taylor Wimpey in Weston Road and AVHT in Willow Road were specifically excluded from inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan because it was not possible to obtain an undertaking that those developments would be limited to 15 dwellings.

However, the current Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan, proposes a development of 30 dwellings adjacent to Townsend Cottages at the eastern end of the Little Horwood Road, in direct contravention of the NPT's own stated criteria.

I have attempted to raise these concerns, not only with the Neighbourhood Planning Team, but also with all members of the Great Horwood Parish Council. Unfortunately, none of them appears to feel in a position to respond to me regarding these concerns. Neither, according to the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th July (at which the Neighbourhood Plan was effectively "signed off"), did any member feel they were in a position to raise this issue prior to voting yes.

The only occasion that anyone has addressed this issue was when it was raised at the open meeting of the NPT on 18th June. Mr Neil Homer (the NPT's consultant), believed that the proposal was "acceptable" because it was "2 sites!". This assertion will have a very hollow ring for the people living in Townsend Cottages, who will look out on new houses from their back gardens, then look out on new houses when they come out of their front doors. Even a cursory glance at the map produced by the NPT, shows that by any sensible measure this site would constitute a single development of 30 dwellings

Understandably, the people of Great Horwood want the security that they feel a Neighbourhood Plan would offer them from future unconstrained development of the village. Surely though, first and foremost, a Neighbourhood Plan should treat all of the members of this community fairly and equitably. The proposal by the NPT to impose on Townsend Cottages a burden which is considered unacceptable in any other part of the village must be questionable and if in the future you are called upon to vote on this issue, I sincerely hope you will bear this in mind.

Alan Marlow



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#### Neighbourhood Plan

The publicity period for the plan on the AVDC website finished its 7 week period at 5pm on Monday 8th September. AVDC will collate the responses received and publish them on the website. The plan, and supporting documents and the responses will now be submitted to an independent appropriately qualified examiner who will determine if the plan meets the "basic conditions" as defined in the relevant legislation. If the examiner confirms that the plan has met these conditions then AVDC will organise a referendum on the plan for all registered electors in Great Horwood Parish.

# Taylor Wimpey Planning Application 14/01540/APP

This Planning Application for 45 houses at land off Weston Road has not yet been considered by the AVDC Strategic Development Management Committee and the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for 3rd October 2014.

#### Outline Planning Application 14/02414/AOP

This Outline Planning Application has been submitted by Talbot Homes and proposes the erection of 34 dwellings on Land at Willow Road (Land which currently forms part of Five Penny Farm).

At its meeting the Parish Council unanimously voted to object to the application due to the fact that it is not in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan and that the proposed access to the site through Willow Road via the junction with Little Horwood Road is completely unsuitable.

111 individual objections have also been submitted from residents of the village.

(All the objection letters can be viewed on the AVDC website.)

#### Planning Application 14/00107/APP

This planning application was for a change of use of land to residential use for one static caravan, one touring caravan and car parking for Gypsy family at Land Off Little Horwood Road Nash which is actually in the Parish of Great Horwood. Cllr. Scholtens represented the Parish Council at the AVDC Development Management Committee on 11th September to support the Objection previously submitted by the Council. The application was refused.

#### A defibrillator for the village?

At our meeting we confirmed our wish to continue with the project to install a defibrillator and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee to see if the Committee would agree to the siting of the defibrillator on the external wall of the Village Hall. No decision has yet been received from the Lions Club of Winslow on whether or not they will be willing to support the installation.

#### Movable Vehicle Activated (Speed) Signs

The speed indicating device has been moved from Little Horwood Road to Winslow Road and thanks go to Cllrs. Mayne and Porritt and to David and Graham for making this happen. At the meeting Cllr. Mayne also reported that the data recorded whilst the device was in Little Horwood Road showed a relatively small proportion of vehicles speeding.

#### Singleborough Notice Board

The council approved the quotation that had been received to replace the notice board sited in Singleborough.

#### Flooding on The Green

Cllr Mayne is in the process of getting quotes to build a soak away on The Green in order to mitigate the effects of the flooding that occurs in one corner when heavy rain fall occurs.

#### 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 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 Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 13th October.

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk

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#### Community Police Officer

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Sunday	5th Oct:	Visit Ely Cathedral with an afternoon performance by Massai Warrior Dance Troupe. £15.00.				
Tuesday	7th Oct:	Buckingham Bus -1 hour in Buckingham 1 hour in Tesco.* Thursday 9th Oct: Westcroft Bus*				
Thursday	16th Oct:	Lunch at the 5 Elms Weedon £3.50 travel				
Monday	20th Oct:	Asda Shopping £3.00				
Thursday	23rd Oct:	Westcroft Bus*				
Tuesday	28th Oct:	Autumn drive and lunch at The Fox in Broadwell. Travel £6.00				
Thursday	30th Oct:	Autumn drive and lunch at The Duck on the Pond South Newington. Travel £6.00				
		***Please note change of venue!! South not Stoke!				
Tuesday	4th Nov:	Buckingham Bus. 1 hour Buckingham 1 hour Tesco.*				
Thursday	13th Nov:	Westcroft Bus *				
Tuesday	18th Nov:	Berkhamsted Shopping. Christmas is coming! £5.00.				
Tuesday	25th Nov:	Asda Shopping. Stock up for Christmas! £4.00.				
Thursday	27th Nov:	Westcroft Shopping *				

#### Milton Keynes Theatre

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#### Lions Club of Winslow



Our members proved that fun can be had all year round at this year's Winslow Show.

Despite our best efforts which included several rain dances, we could not stave off the intermittent rainfall throughout the day. But making the best out of the adverse weather conditions, we still managed to have fun raising money for charity!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our stalls and displays on the day, which included Mini golf, Splat the Rat, Wheels in Winslow and of course the ever popular Beer Tent!

We have now concluded our summer programme and look ahead to the remaining months of 2014 and into 2015 with excitement!

We are now finalising plans for our **annual Fireworks on 8th November** and our traditional pre-Christmas event, Carols in the Market Square on 16th December.

We have also set the date of our 10th Winslow Beer Festival! Make sure you keep your diaries free for Friday 20th and Saturday 21st March 2015. We hope to have coverage of the final round of 6 Nations games over our two Saturday sessions.

If you are interested in finding out more about what we have done in Winslow and the surrounding area, why not attend one of our meetings and you could have fun raising money for charity! All the details of our meetings are on our website.

#### W.I News

In September we had an enjoyable meeting making flowers and butterflies from florist ribbon, under the



excellent tuition of Doreen Kempton. In the same week we had an outing to the Chafor vineyard at Gawcott. It was fascinating to see the vines and learn the details of the yearly cycle, ending in the harvest. I think we were all surprised to hear that large candles or bougies, imported from France, are lit to prevent frost damage to the tender growth. The evening ended with a tasting session in the barn accompanied by cheese and biscuits.

In October our meeting on 14th is "Natural Pampering - All about Bees" when we welcome Samantha Whitehead. Bee products will be available to buy and don't forget your pepper plant for the competition. Visitors welcome.

And on 7th we have our group meeting which is open to visitors, so please come along and hear Dr Annie Gray, the food historian who has appeared recently on the bread episode of the Great British Bake Off talk about "Witches and Women - the Art of taking tea in the 18th and 19th centuries". Entry £3 to include refreshments. **See Advert on opposite page** or contact Angela Mayne 715400 for more information.

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