

# FOCUS



## 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 are holding our harvest supper on October 13th. in St James Church, starting at 19.30. On offer will be a delicious home cooked three course supper priced at £7.50 for adults and £4 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 liquid refreshment.

Our harvest service will take place at St. James Church on October 8th at 11.00 after breakfast. We are once again supporting the MK Food Bank 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 8th. Donations will be displayed at the altar during our harvest service.

We are holding our St. James Coffee Morning and Giving Day on October 14th, 10.00 to 13.00. 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 and enjoy a coffee and cake. 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.

*St James' PCC*

### **Stop Press: Crown Auction**

Sara and Sean at the Crown are kindly hosting the harvest auction this year on October the 19th at 20.00. This is an extremely entertaining and popular event with all the banter and wit of Will Abbott as auctioneer. So if your better half is being pampered and drinking Prosecco in the village hall why not come along for a pint and a bit of fun in the Crown. Please arrive early for viewing and to guarantee a seat and if you have any items you would like to donate please contact June Margerrison on 714554 or bring them to the Crown on the day.

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1st Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	C Finnemore	D Brazier
8th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Come & Praise	D Brazier	L Brazier	S Brazier
15th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	D Brazier	I Lamberton
22nd Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	- -	-	
22nd Oct	11.00am	Come and Share	J Brigden	J Brigden	Clergy
29th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison

**Church Key Rota:** - Rita Essam - 714424



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...



## Great Horwood Scouts Meet Again

We held our first meeting in September and were encourage by an attendance of four very enthusiastic young people and their parents who enjoyed some Scouting Activities.

It became clear that the best night for Scouts to meet is a TUESDAY

So our next meeting for Young People and Parents is

### Tuesday 10th October at 7.00pm

Any Young People between 10½ -14 who would like to join Scouts are most welcome to come along with your Parents.

If you would like to express your interest in Scouts for your young people or for yourself to support our Leadership Team please drop me an email at [district-scouts@paulketteridge.co.uk](mailto:district-scouts@paulketteridge.co.uk) giving me your name, address and phone number and I will contact you.

*Paul Ketteridge*

*Acting Group Scout Leader*

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## Village Hall News

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### Weekly meetings

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Visitors are always welcome

For more information about any of the above groups please contact Gill on 01296 712165.

*Gill Wood*

## Great Horwood Silver band

We are at present recruiting new members and learners if anyone is interested in joining us Instruments and tuition is provided free of charge.



Please contact Beryl on 01908 510809

You can read about the band on our website at [www.greathorwoodband.com](http://www.greathorwoodband.com) If you have any photos or information about the band's past we would be delighted to hear from you.

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## From the children at Great Horwood School



We are all back from our brilliant summer holidays feeling bright and awake ready for the new school year. We got back on Wednesday 6th September and we were all excited to start learning new things in our new classes. The first few days were taken up with organising our class routines and finding out our new responsibilities, like being Play Buddies and Tech Wizards in Year 5. We voted for a new Head Boy and Girl, House Captains, Junior Governors and the Sports Council. We have also welcomed our new Deputy Head Mrs. Daggett and a new LSA Mrs. Taylor.

On Friday 8th every class made potato animals using only natural resources found in our outside area, these were then entered into the village Produce Show. The winners of each age group category were announced in Worship on Monday morning.

On Friday 15th September we are having a Crazy Chicken Fantastic Friday to raise money to buy school chickens. We will have lots of fun activities starting on Thursday after school with Movie Club where we will watch the film Chicken Run with popcorn, crisps, biscuits and drinks. For our homework we are making chicken themed headdresses to wear on Friday and we are raising money by entering into a chicken word search competition.

The chickens will be part of the outdoor learning curriculum which we are developing at School. We have a conservation area where we go to do lessons with a pond, fire pit and some amazing trees. We are always eager for help to maintain these areas and we would welcome any volunteers who would like to help us with keeping the nettles at bay and more urgently to help dredge the pond. Please contact the school if you would like to volunteer.

By

Kaitlyn, Olivia, Amber, and Will (Year 5)

We have three open mornings coming up for anyone who would like to look around school for children wishing to join us from Nursery upwards. These are planned for 3rd October, 18th October and 16th November, from 9am to 11am. Please feel free to contact us for further details on 01296 712622.

## **The PTA**

After a lovely summer vacation the school PTA are back and planning lots of fun events to raise

money to support our village school.

As you will know from reading the news, education budgets are cut to the bone these days, so all the money we raise is vital.

Over the past 3 years, thanks to support from parents and our village, we have managed to donate over £25,000 to the school. We have funded iPad, library books, science days, theatre workshops, outside play equipment, projection equipment for the hall, benches, seeds, compost, bulbs and much more. This year we are aiming to support the school in developing the amazing conservation area.

We would love to see you at any of the events we have planned for this year.

On **Thursday 19th October** from 7:30pm we will be running our first ever Pamper And Prosecco Evening in the Village Hall. There will be treatments available, some shopping time and plenty of prosecco!

If you are planning a pre-Christmas wardrobe clear out, we will be circulating our Bags2School clothing bags in early November for collection from the village green on **Tuesday 7th November**.

Our annual Christmas Bazaar and Grand Raffle will be taking place in the School Hall on **Saturday 9th December** for some Christmas Shopping and a visit from Santa.

If you need something to motivate you to keep running as it gets colder, darker and more miserable than our Mad March Hare 5km Fun run will take place on **Sunday 25th March 2018**. Even if you don't fancy running or walking it, then why not pop down, have a bacon butty and cheer the runners on.

Thanks

*Debbie Huskinson Chair Great Horwood School PTA (charity no. 1047149)*

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**Monday 20th November 2017**

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#### Parish Council Website

www.bucksinfo.net/greathorwoodpc

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Great Horwood  
Parish Council

## Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting - Monday 11 September 2017

September marks the beginning of a new academic year for schools and colleges. Although technically the Parish Council's year runs from April, in many ways September seems like a new beginning too. We are beginning to think about the budget for next year and what activities the Parish Council wishes to undertake and support. This includes the annual programme of grants to local organisations - please see elsewhere in FOCUS the Clerk's invitation to apply.

If you make use of the footpaths in the parish, you will come across two new gates replacing stiles., making footpaths easier to use. The Parish Council is grateful to the donors who enabled this to happen. We are considering which other stiles might be replaced - and if you would like to donate a gate, perhaps in memory of some person or event, please contact the Clerk. The Parish Council is also grateful for the continuing maintenance of footpaths undertaken by Robert Deuchar.

The Parish Council considered at length a number of planning applications, including possible expansion of Nash Park where unauthorised activity took place over the Bank Holiday. Delays are still being experienced in relation to some of the more complex cases, but one significant application has now been decided.

At the beginning of September AVDC granted outline planning permission for up to thirty new homes on land south of Little Horwood Road, beyond Townsend Cottages. This is land that was allocated for housing in our Neighbourhood Plan, which we supported in a referendum in 2015. The details of the scheme are not yet fixed, and the developer will need to provide details in a further application to AVDC sometime in the next three years.

One important feature is that a "Section 106 agreement" has been signed, specifying certain community benefits that will have to be provided by the development. The most important is that ten of the new homes will have to be "affordable housing", which means that either they will be available for social rental, or for shared ownership. We know from our housing survey that there is a demand for housing from people who have

a connection with our village and would like to live here, but who find market prices out of reach. At present we expect that seven of the ten affordable homes will be available to rent, although this might be subject to change.

At a time when there is considerable uncertainty in Aylesbury Vale about the extent and location of new development, and with the publication of the VALP (Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan) expected in early October, it is important we can show that our own Neighbourhood Plan can - to use the words of Government policy - "shape and direct" development around our village.

For a more comprehensive report of the recent 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 the Clerk or any Councillor. We are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which there is always a public participation period. The next meeting is to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 October 2017 in the Village Hall.

*Mary Saunders*  
Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council  
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*Wendy Taylor*







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Thursday 19th October 2017  
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**Best decorated house**  
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on All Hallows Eve, 31<sup>st</sup> October  
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### Message from The Lions Club, Winslow

Wheels in Winslow had its largest ever turnout of classic vehicles at The Winslow Show on August Bank Holiday. Over 80 vehicles were showcased on a beautiful sunshine filled day opposite Winslow Hall. We had a great selection of vehicles ranging from MG B Roadster's to Aston Martins! We have raised over £ 300 and this will be donated to the Air Ambulance so many thanks and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



The Winner of Best in Show was a hard task with so many beautiful vehicles to choose from but we made a decision on the beautiful 1933 Austin 12/4 Jones Bodied London Taxi, owned by Ian Smith from Aylesbury. Thanks to Allon White Sports Cars for the sponsorship of the prize. A new award this year was commissioned to honour the Oldest Vehicle in Slow and was sponsored by KGB Car Body Repairs & Restorations. The Winner of the Oldest Vehicle in Show was a 1928 Ford A owned by a Giles Hedley from Leighton Buzzard.



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, [www.winslowlions.org.uk](http://www.winslowlions.org.uk)



# Produce Show 2017

Thanks to everyone that took part in the produce show on 9th September. The find the fake game devised by Cathy Holland turned out to be in the tomato category - the "small African tomatoes", which were actually cape gooseberries!

Prize winners and placings,

## Category

<b>1a Potato animal age under 7</b>	-	Winner	Benjamin B,	2. Kay P-W.	3. Jacob L
<b>1b Potato animal age 8-11</b>	-	Winner	Sophia S,	2. Ramsay SC	3. Sam LS
				<i>Commended. Niamh R, Georgina G</i>	
<b>2 Hedgerow drink</b>	-	Winner	Robertson	2. G Thompson	
<b>3. Heaviest Onion.</b>	-	Winner	J Samways.	2. S Samways.	3. A Mack
<b>4. Jam</b>	-	Winner.	V Charlton.	2. A Mayne,	3. G Graham
<b>5. Chutney</b>	-	Winner	E Wilson.	2. K Mack.	3. K Wilkinson
<b>6. Tomatoes</b>	-	Winner	T Lee,	2. W Ince.	3. K. Holland
<b>7. Apples</b>	-	Winner	R Marsden	2. J Leech.	3. T Leech
<b>8. Beans</b>	-	Winner	J Leech	2. T Leech.	3. Robertson
<b>9. Photo</b>	-	Winner	Amy Taylor	2. N Biswell.	3. J Holland
<b>10. Cake</b>	-	Winner	W Ince	2. S Biswell	3. P & G Graham

Wendy Ince won the cake bake.



Veronique Charlton the jam entry.

## W.I. News

At our September meeting, we welcomed Frank Preece, who is a guide at Claydon House. He told us that the site where the house has stood since 1757 and then 1771 was formerly a Jacobean Manor House. The Verney family have lived in the area since 1620. The house we see today is a fraction of its original size, what remains is the West Wing. We were shown slides of the Rocco architecture.

Luke Lightfoot, was the most talented wood carver of the era, his work can be found on the ceilings and niches in the walls, dado rails and the Corinthian columns. The staircase is magnificent, it is made from ivory and marquetry. In 2013 the house and grounds were used for filming 'Far from the Madding Crowd'

Our October speaker is Saffron Summerfield who studied classical and modern guitar and has toured with Fairport Convention, Long John Baldry and Joan Armatrading amongst others. Saffron's subject on Tuesday 10th October is 'Medieval to Mississippi - a musical journey'

Future events include a visit to Aylesbury Crown Court and a trip to Adam Henson's Farm.

If you would like to come along to a meeting please contact either Angela Mayne: 715400 [angela.mayne@googlemail.com](mailto:angela.mayne@googlemail.com) Or Liz Nicholls: 715331 [liz.nicholls@ncase.com](mailto:liz.nicholls@ncase.com)

*Jane Derry*

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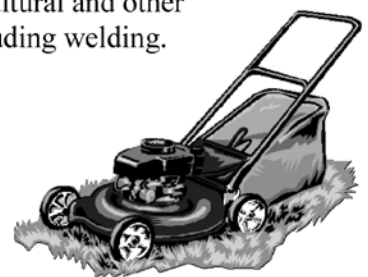
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**Thursday 5th October – Lunch out at The Robin Hood, Bufflers Holt** – back by popular demand! £4.50 travel

**Thursday 12th October – Westcroft Shopping\*** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc

**Tuesday 17th October – Buckingham Garden Centre** – free tea or coffee on arrival, 10% off lunch. Nice choice of plants and gifts. £3.50 travel.

**Monday 23rd October – Asda in Bletchley, M&S, H&M, Primark** – £4.00 return.

**Tuesday 24th October – Visit Kew Gardens** – see the Arboretum at its best with the Autumn colours as well as iconic glasshouses, historic buildings, formal gardens, water features and art galleries. Only £20.00 travel & entrance.

**Thursday October 26th – Westcroft Shopping\*** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc

**Saturday 28th October – Our spooky Halloween Coffee Morning is back!!**

Come and join us at St Laurence Rooms 10am-12pm- stalls, cakes and more!

**Tuesday 31st October – Woodland run** with pub lunch & an hour at World's End Nurseries £6.00 travel

**Thursday 2nd November – Woodland run** with pub lunch & an hour at World's End Nurseries. £6.00 travel

**Tuesday 7th November – Buckingham Bus\*** – 1 hour in town 1 hour in Tesco

**Thursday 9th November – Westcroft Shopping\*** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc

**Tuesday November 14th – Lunch at The Bell Beachampton** £4.00 travel.

**Thursday 16th November– Banbury Shopping** – £5.00

**Thursday 23rd November – Westcroft Shopping\*** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc

**Tuesday 21st November – Asda in Bletchley, M&S, H&M, Primark** – £4.00 return

**Tuesday November 28th – MK Shopping** £4.00

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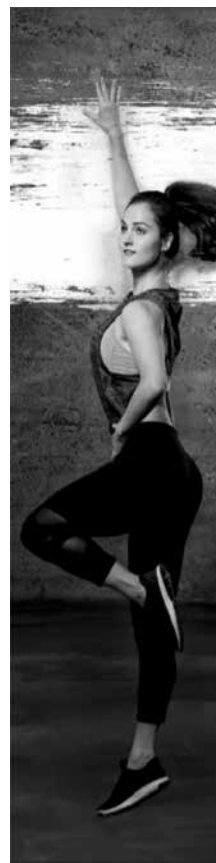
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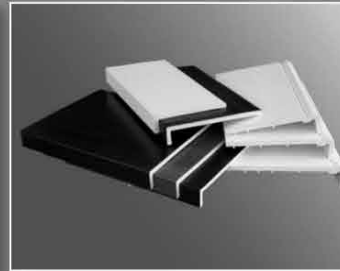






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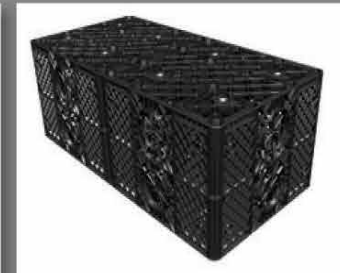
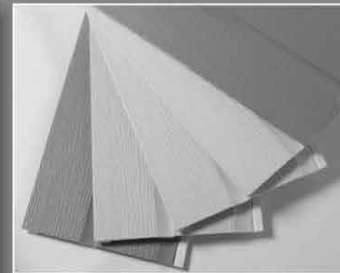
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