

FOCUS

Harvest Celebrations



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 & this year is no exception.

St James Church Harvest Supper Friday 12th October

Our harvest supper will be held on October 12th. 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.

St James Church Harvest Service Sunday 14th October

Our harvest service will take place at St. James Church on October 14th 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 the 14th of October. Donations will be displayed at the altar during our harvest service.

Crown Harvest Auction Thursday 18th October

We are delighted that Sean and Sara at the Crown will again be hosting our annual harvest auction this year, to be held on October 18th at 20.00. This is an extremely entertaining and popular event with all the banter and wit of Will Abbott as auctioneer, so do arrive in plenty of time for viewing, to have a drink and to guarantee a seat. Should you have any items to donate please leave them at the Crown or with June Margerrison at 5, Wigwell Gardens during the week before.

St James Church Coffee Morning and Giving Day Saturday 20th October

We are holding our St. James Coffee Morning and Giving Day on 20th October, 10.00 to 13.00. All the funds to run and maintain the wonderful church building are raised from within the community. Please come along to see the church and enjoy a coffee and cake. 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.

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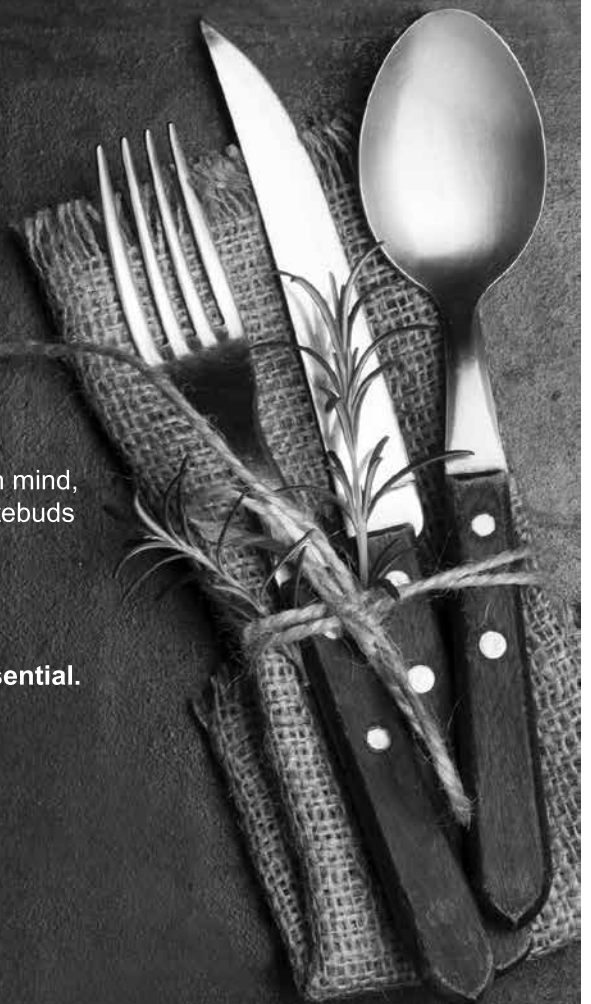
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St James' Services for OCTOBER 2018

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14th Oct	11.00am	Harvest Come & Praise
21st Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion
28th Oct	11.00am	Come and Share

Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor
J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
P Moyles	H Moyles	Clergy
I Lamberton	C Finnemore	I Lamberton
N Weir	J Brigden	Clergy

Church Key Rota: Rita Essam - 714424

Village Hall News

Now that the nights are drawing in people can feel more isolated so just a reminder of the clubs and groups that meet in the village hall. Every Wednesday morning we have the post office and coffee morning. The band meet every Wednesday evening for their practice session and the Art and Craft group every Friday morning. Alternative Thursday evenings are Whist nights and every 2nd Tuesday in the month is Womans Institute.

So if you need any information about the above groups or to book the hall call Gill on 01296 712165

W.I News

We had an interesting evening at Septembers meeting with Felicity Heal telling us about hand loom weaving. She brought a small loom with her on which we were able to have a go. She had some amazing examples of her work and told us about her travels to Peru to learn about their way of weaving. Next month's speaker is a gardener from Woburn Abbey.

If you would like to come a meeting you would be very welcome. Please contact Angela Mayne on 715400 or Monica Gilbey on 711915

GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

After a busy summer season the band are now busy rehearsing for the Remembrance services and the Concert in the Village hall for the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1914- 18 war. The concert is on the afternoon of Sunday 11th November. The music programme will include songs from the first World war and other music of the period.

100 Club winners for August were

Beryl Lack £12 Sylvia Nutt £8

If you would like to join the 100 club at 10p per week please phone Frances Robinson on 01296 712454 or ask any band member. The draw is made each month for prizes of £12 and £8 and each June and December the prize is £50.

Players and learners are always welcome to join us, if you play an instrument or would like to learn to play please contact us. Instruments, music, uniforms and tuition are provided free of charge

You can see our latest news on:

www.greathorwoodband.com

Beryl 01908510809 beryl.lack@btinternet.com



Lighting the Church Tower

The Church will be lit from the 19th October to the 26th October to commemorate the life of Helen Grimditch's mother, Wendy Atkins on the 20th Anniversary of her death and also to remember her father's who died recently.
Ian Lamberton



Horwode Pece

We hope the glorious summer that we have had has meant the Rec has been used to its full potential, it certainly appears that there were many picnics taking place.



In the July Focus I raised the issue of damage down the Rec., possibly the result of vandalism, though some in the village think it may be damage caused by animals, roebuck deer, foxes and squirrels have been suggested. In July work was undertaken to repair this damage. Later in July and further in August Rec. inspections reported further damage, believed to be a result of vandalism; parts of the log-surround of the toddler and teenage areas had been kicked off, the second rose trellis had been pushed over - possibly to provide access to the Mill building site. Also, for the first time, graffiti was scribed onto the uprights of the shelter - this is most recent and we have yet to try to remove it without damaging the uprights.

May I please remind dog owners to put the dog poo in the designated red Poo bin at the entrance of the Rec, not in the normal waste bin. The normal one is emptied by two volunteers who have to put the rubbish in their own bins as the bin-men won't empty it as it is situated within the Rec. In an attempt to be environmentally friendly we try to separate the recycling from the landfill but this is extremely unpleasant when there are multiple poo bags and even dirty nappies unbagged.

We are planning ahead for Working Parties and are always very grateful for any volunteers to come along and help us on those days, notices will go up at the Rec stating when these days are, as well as notice in Focus.

Our next organised event at the Rec will be the Fireworks Display which will take place on SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER, gates open 5.30pm, Display starts at 6.15pm. There will be hot food, Mulled Wine and soft drinks available to buy. Please come along and support our 3rd Year of this spectacular event, all proceeds go towards the self funding of the display and will eventually help to add funds to the upkeep of the Rec.

Cathy Holland

Horwode Pece Management Committee



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WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

The Society launches into our 2018 - 19 year with a new set of display boards for our exhibitions.



As I write this in September, they are still to be ordered, but the funding is with grateful thanks to the Winslow Town Council, Aylesbury Vale Community Trust, and our local Tesco at Buckingham, for their grant support. The new display will feature in our next exhibition at the Winslow Public Hall during the weekend of November 4th and 5th when we expect to feature well over 100 original works of art from members as well as several seasonal sales tables with handwork of various types, also by members. A number of our members will be demonstrating at this show.

Members from the Society enjoyed a painting day at Rectory Farm at Water Stratford in August thanks to the kindness of Ann and George Eaton.

We had hoped that 16 members would turn out, but our first date was washed out with rain so a re-run was organised for the following week.

It was still a successful day, but with a smaller gathering. Our speaker for the Society demonstration evening on October 25th will be

Christopher Hughes, a Watercolour artist who has retired after many years at Royal Worcester Porcelain where he specialised in animal studies.

Our monthly Thursday evening demonstrations are open to all, and non-members of the Society are asked to pay a small attendance fee.

Both of our weekly painting groups are now active again in Winslow and Padbury. For more information about the Society and our activities, please contact one of the committee members listed below

Your society contacts are

- Treasurer Jackie Chambers (01296) 713607
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- Thursday 11th October - **Westcroft Shopping*** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.
- Monday 22nd October - **Asda in Bletchley Shopping**, M&S, Primark, Next etc £4.00
- Tuesday 23rd October - **Local Lunch at The Unicorn in Cublington.** £4.00 travel.
- Thursday 25th October - **Westcroft Shopping*** Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.
- Saturday 27th October - **Coffee Morning** at St Laurence Room 10am-12pm.
Please come and support the community bus and meet up with friends!
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Ring Sue if you have any donations, bric-a-brac and home produce welcomed!

Baked items welcome on the day!

Two Councillor Vacancies

Mary Saunders, GHPC Chairman, was reminded of the Lady Bracknell quote from the Importance of Being Earnest 'To lose one parent, Mr Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness.'



John Huskinson and Gavin Laird are leaving the PC due to pressure of work and family demands. We thank them and wish them well. In the meantime, Great Horwood Parish Council would very much like to hear from any resident willing to become a co-opted member of the Council. We are getting very thin on the ground! If we lose any more councillors there is the prospect of being run directly by AVDC!

If you care about the Community, like meeting people, have time, patience and a bit of energy, you are the person we need to fulfil this very important role. It isn't always easy to be a Councillor, but it is **absolutely essential** to the running of the Parish.

Interested parties should contact the Clerk on clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk or telephone 01296 715829. An informal chat with a councillor can then be arranged so that interested parties can find out what is involved (ideally prior to co-option at the PC Meeting in October).

FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES



DON'T MISS OUT!!!! Great Horwood Parish Council will once again be donating £2000 to local causes. If you would like your group to be considered, please start thinking about your bid. All are welcome to apply, even if you have received funds before. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, contact details below or downloaded from the GHPC website. Applications must be from organisations associated with the village. Bids must be submitted by 31st October 2018 and winning bids will be announced at the December Parish Council meeting.

VANDALISM IN HORWODE PECE



The PC was very sorry to hear of more vandalism on Horwode Pece. Someone has even used the shelter for graffiti. GHPC abhors the damage caused to this valuable asset. Large amounts of residents' money have been invested in this wonderful facility and a very few (probably non-residents) spoil it for the many. If you see any suspicious behaviour on the Rec, please report it to John Nicholls or Jane Holland on the Management Committee.

DUSTBIN COLLECTION DAY & RECYCLING CENTRE SURVEY



Everyone should have received a letter from Aylesbury Vales District Council (AVDC) about dustbin collection day. Our dustbin collection day remains the same. The only change to the current pattern of alternate waste/recycling is that garden waste will now be collected on a Tuesday rather than a Monday.

Bucks County Council (BCC) is undertaking a consultation on household recycling centres such as Yonder Slade in Buckingham. Residents can take part by going to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9WPW5J. Non-internet users can request a survey form from the clerk and then post it to County Hall. I also wonder whether one could go to the local library and ask for help completing the survey on line? The consultation closes at midnight on Monday 22nd October 2018. Please try and take part as this is a very valuable asset

for North Bucks and needs your support.

BCC have made the following comment about the Yonder Slade site:

Buckingham - Yonder Slade - Visits per year: 107,000. Buckingham is the most remote site in the network, serving the North of the county. It is in a light industrial estate on the outskirts of the town. It is one of the most expensive to run, and is a small site with a narrow entrance. Despite its size, it is in a good location for the housing growth planned in the North.

Removing this site would give residents in North Bucks around 35min extra journey time, above the recommended maximum of 30min in a rural area.

STREETLIGHTS



I have been asked to say a few words about GH streetlights. The network is being privately funded by the Parish through a Public Works Loan Board (PWLb) loan. We finally finish paying for the lights in 2022. We have an annual maintenance contract, currently with Eon. Any requests for repair need to be made through the Clerk (contact details below) - if possible using the two digit light number so I can pinpoint its location on the lighting map for the engineer (copy on the GHPC website). We currently have 30 lights (numbered from 01 to 30) but this will increase as new developments are completed. Please note that BCC has no responsibility for GH streetlights.

OXFORD TO CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

It has been announced that the preferred option for the Oxford to Cambridge expressway will broadly follow the line of East West rail. GHPC has been reliably informed that it will go "via Winslow". Deep joy - three huge transport projects in the area over the next 10 years! Theoretically the road will be open in 2030 but if you believe that

East West rail was planned for 2017 and this has been delayed until 2023... My bet is 2030 for EWR and 2040 for the new road.



VAN THEFTS



Police Community Support Officer Rachel Found kindly gave a short, well attended, question and answer session on thefts from vans in the village. It appears to be a county wide problem with 64 reported van break-ins, plus caravan and trailer thefts. The culprits appear to be crossing county borders. One arrest has been made as part of a wider investigation and two more offenders are being sort. This is of great concern to residents as it affects livelihoods. A suggestion was made about having village CCTV and GHPC is conducting a fact finding exercise looking into the implications, practicality and cost of having a camera in the village. I must stress that there is too much to consider to make any plans at all at this stage. Residents buying their own cameras must ensure they are focused entirely on their own properties. It is **an offence** to have them trained on public land e.g. pavements and roads or on their neighbours property. Such misuse of cameras will be reported to the Information Commissioners Office.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE (TVP) SCAM WARNINGS

TVP issue scam warnings on a regular basis for the Aylesbury Vale area. There is currently information on a drainage scam where workman purporting to be from Thames Water or Dyno-Rod persuade residents that their drains are blocked and they need to hire drain unblocking equipment at £500 a pop! There is also a Netflix scam which asks you to update

your payment information. Don't do it! To get regular scam updates you can sign up to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. You can also download the [little-book-big-scams.pdf](#).

SPEEDWATCH



Volunteers continue to operate Speedwatch with offenders being reported to TVP. For example, in June, 36 letters were sent to speeding drivers of which 1 was a second offender and NONE were locals (good news!). The MVAS, ably monitored and cared for by Mick Wood (TY x), records the speed of all cars passing the sign. Mick reported that the average speed on Winslow Road has reduced from 43 to 41 mph. The irregular appearance of the police monitoring camera is also an asset (TY TVP). A little bird tells me that Great Horwood is getting a reputation as a speed monitoring hotspot (Yes!) What residents may not know is that all cars registered on the camera have their tax and MOT status checked. More volunteers please.

HORWOOD FEAST

The September Parish Council meeting was the forum for complaints from residents about the Horwood Feast funfair held in August. The feedback (even aside from complaints from residents of the Green) was entirely negative. Do you feel that we should encourage or end the tradition of an annual funfair? **Please let the PC know what you think.** In the meantime, concerns are being passed to the fair owners for their comments.



THE BATTLES OVER 10/11th November 2018

The draft programme of events includes: on Saturday 10th November 2018 a display of First World War memorabilia in the village Hall. On Sunday 11th



Just a Reminder



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

If you have Memorabilia, Poppy related artwork, or decorated jars for tea-lights, that you'd like to include in the

Battle's Over Commemoration Display

on the 10th & 11th November

in the village hall

please contact

Mandy Cliff 01296 715829

clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk

or Jane Holland 07484803910.

jhghpc@icloud.com

November 2018, a Remembrance Sunday service 10.30 at St James Church and afternoon tea in the village hall with a short Silver Band Concert and performance by Cantlos at 4.00pm. Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies will parade to the village green to provide a guard of honour for the Beacon Lighting ceremony. This will consist of a poetry reading, playing of the Last Post, Beacon lighting and conclude with bell ringing. The ceremony will last approximately 20 minutes once everyone is in position. The Church tower, wall and Lych Gate will be decorated with poppies.

If you would like a family member, relative or friend commemorated with a small wooden cross at the ceremony please contact the Clerk by 30th October 2018. Any memorabilia for the display must be given to Sue Brazier or the Clerk by 15th October 2018

...AND FINALLY

Many thanks to Mr Peter Tucker for donating the lovely new bench on the village green in memory of his wife Pat. I have some teak oil to preserve it but haven't used it yet as I am afraid it will darken the colour too much. The plaque to the Blanes from the previous bench will be placed on the adjacent concrete bench. Don't forget to keep an eye on the new noticeboard. Should the need arise, any urgent or important information will be placed there.

Mandy Cliffe

Parish Clerk Great Horwood

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Great Horwood and Singleborough WI are celebrating World Kindness Day on Sunday 21st October

between 2pm until 4pm in the village hall

Please come and enjoy free tea, coffee and cake while listening to live music.

In return we ask for a donation to MK foodbank or a donation to Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal (either a filled box or children's items to go in one eg. toys, toiletries stationery)

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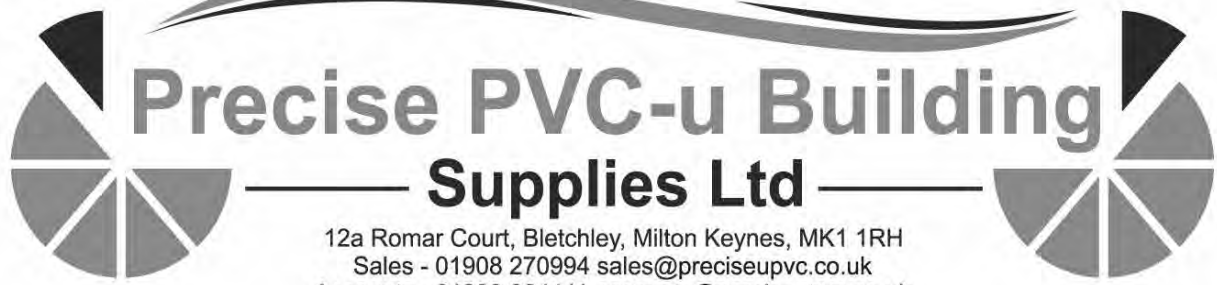
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