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2019



PROPOSED MERGER OF WING SURGERY, WHITCHURCH SURGERY AND NORDEN HOUSE SURGERY, WINSLOW

from Norden House Surgery

Whitchurch, Wing and Norden House Surgeries are proposing to merge on 1 April 2020. The partnership between these surgeries will be known as 3W Health, however the existing surgeries names will remain the same.

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Our doctors, practice nurses and other staff will continue to be available to patients under the proposed new arrangements in the same way and in the same premises as they are at present.

We understand that you may have questions and comments about the proposal to merge and have answered some of these in a list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) which can be found on all 3 websites: www.nordenhousesurgery.co.uk, www.wingsurgery.co.uk, www.whitchurchsurgery.co.uk

We will also be holding drop-in mornings on the following Saturdays:

5th October Wing, 12th October Norden House, 26th October Whitchurch

If you have any specific queries or concerns please write to Noel Ratcliffe at Norden House Surgery, Avenue Rd, Winslow, Bucks, MK18 3DW, or email 3w.merger@nhs.net



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Church Roof Update

The PCC discussed the church roof at its meeting in September and would like to confirm that we will not be approving a like for like replacement with lead but are considering ternecoat steel or zinc as alternative solutions.

Many thanks for all who have contributed to our church roof appeal. As you may have seen we have now got a temporary felt roof which should see us through the winter but we still need to raise funds for a permanent solution.

We go to press before the harvest events, the proceeds of which are all going to the church, but so far have raised over £5000 towards our initial target of £50000 and are looking at grants to help further.

If you can help at all please see either David Brazier or June Margerrison or simply visit our justgiving page at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/st-james-roof

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St James' Services for October

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13th Oct	11.00am	Come and Praise	P Moyles	S Brazier	Clergy
20th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	C Finnemore	S Brazier
27th Oct	11.00am	Come and Share	D Brazier	J Brigden	Clergy
3rd Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison

Church Key

October - Rita Essam – 714424

November – Ian Lamberton - 715968

CHURCH BIN

Will who ever thought it was a good idea to swap their smaller general waste bin for the church's larger one reflect and return our bin. The church really needs the larger one to deal with the churchyard waste.

WI NEWS

Martin Towsey who is the Estates Garden Manager at Woburn Abbey gave us an extremely interesting talk about running the Abbey gardens, safari park, golf club, and hotel plus several London residential squares which the Duke of Bedford also owns. He showed us before and after photos of the restoration works done in the Abbey gardens which were amazing. Jeannie gave a moving vote of thanks afterwards.

On a hot August day several of us enjoyed a willow weaving workshop in a member's garden. Some of these lovely creations can be seen around the village so be on the lookout for giant dragonflies and obelisks! We meet for lunch once a month and this month the walking group enjoyed some fine fare at The Barge Inn at Woolstone.

A date for your diaries is 17th March 2020 when Christine Wallace from Bake Off is going to entertain us at our fundraising evening in the village hall.

At our next meeting we are going to meet some owls! If you would like to join us please contact Angela Mayne on 715400 or angela.mayne@googlemail.com.

GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Over the last few months I have been telling you about the present day hirers of the hall, this month I want to write an extract from the Village Hall Committee Meeting in April 1924.

The Chairman brought forward the matter of the Men's Club at the hall. Among other things not quite in order, dances were being held on a Saturday evening and were kept up till 11pm and in one case, after that. He thought the time ought to be limited. He had spoken to another committee member who thought 7 till 11 pm as the right time.

After a discussion it came out that older members of the club would not attend, probably on account of the behaviour of the younger members, the dance should be called a Dancing Class and as the entry fee 3d to parishioners and 6d to outsiders bought an income to the Men's club, the Men's club should pay 1 shilling per hour hire fee to the Village hall.

The money charged was pre decimal. The rules about the use of the Village hall was much stricter in those days.

To bring you up to date.

The new door and ramp have met a few snags which are in the process of being sorted.

To book the hall phone Gill on 01296712165.

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GREAT HORWOOD SILVER BAND

Firstly, I would like to start with a massive thank you.

On behalf of the band I would like to say to thank everyone who braved the cool summer evenings in June, July and August to come and support us in our new venture of Concerts on the Green.

We decided to hold them to raise the profile of the Band in the village and the local area and they were free, informal concerts on a Wednesday evening, which is our normal rehearsal evening, to entertain an audience, which is what we enjoy doing the most whilst enjoying the playing.

The evening of the first concert in June arrived and we anxiously set up on The Green, on probably the coolest June evening there was, with the possibility of rain hanging over us, wondering if anyone would come along to listen to us. We weren't disappointed, there were a number of people who braved the weather and came and listened.

Buoyed by the success of the concert in June, we once again set up on a cool Wednesday evening in July, again with the threat of rain, and played to a bigger audience, who seemed to enjoy our playing, or was it the picnic supplies that were consumed including maybe a glass or two of something?

The success of the first two evenings meant we knew we had made the right decision in holding these concerts and we once again set up on The Green on a cool Wednesday evening in August, with the threat of rain (I sense a weather theme happening!) and again were not disappointed, as an even larger audience came to hear us on this last evening.

So, as the darkness drew in, we finished our last Concert on the Green. They were only a success because people came to listen to us, so once again a huge thank you to those who came, the Band truly appreciated the support that was shown.

We already have plans for more Concerts on the Green next year and will announce those dates when they are finalized.

We have come to the end of our summer engagements now, which included the Village Fete, the Village Feast, Aston Abbots fete, Carey Lodge in Wing and a surprise appearance at a 40th Wedding Anniversary party for a couple who some of us had played at the original wedding for (myself included!). We are now heading into a busy time of year for us as you can see from the list of dates below.

To other news and dates:

Saturday 26th October at 7p.m., the Band will be holding a concert in The Village Hall in remembrance of our long serving soprano player George Shaw, who sadly passed away and is sadly missed by all that knew him. There will be a raffle, refreshments and a collection for a chosen charity.

Sunday 10th November, Winslow Remembrance Parade. 10.30a.m.

Monday 11th November, Remembrance Day service in Preston Bissett Church. 8.00p.m.

Sunday 1st December at 3p.m. in The Village Hall we will be holding our annual Christmas Carol concert. Please come and enjoy listening to and joining in with our Christmas music and selection of carols. Again, there will be a raffle, refreshments and a collection for a chosen charity.

Saturday 7th December, Carol concert in Milton Keynes Village Hall.

Tuesday 10th December, Berryfields, Carols for the arrival of Father Christmas. 6.00 p.m.

Saturday 14th December we are playing during the Buckingham Carnival parade from 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday 18th December, Carols at Tesco Buckingham 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 19th December Carols around the Christmas tree Adstock

Saturday 21st December and Sunday 21st December, Carols at Tesco Buckingham, both from 10.00 am.

At the time of writing this we are still looking for a new Musical Director to take us forward into 2020 and we will always welcome new players of all ages and of all playing abilities.

We are very pleased to have had several new members join us to increase our numbers and who are all settling in well as the band grows and moves forward.

We have a new look to our website for which we have Daniel Cook to thank for all his hard work, so please have a look at www.greathorwoodband.com, for any more information on the band.

Our Band 100 club is still running and if you would like to become a member for that please contact myself and I will pass your details across.

Again, thank you to everyone who has supported us over the summer and we look forward to seeing everyone over the coming months at the events that we have organized.

Contact myself Sharon Taylor if you have any questions or queries through the following:

Email: ghsbsecretary@gmail.com

Website: www.greathorwoodband.com Or Facebook.

WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

October Notes

A New Society year commenced on September 26th with our AGM. Our Society continues to grow and we have been able to completely replace our display equipment during the last 18 months so that we now have a fully up to date set of stands capable of showing up to 150 paintings. This is thanks to some grants and also to improving finances ... while our subscription rate is held for the third year.

An exciting and varied programme of speakers is proposed for the next 9 months through to July 2020 and during that period we will also show member's artwork at two exhibitions in the Winslow Public Hall

(in November and May). A one day painting workshop has been arranged in the Studio of Tom Shepherd in December which has raised a lot of interest.

Please make a note in your diaries for the November Exhibition over the weekend of **November 2nd & 3rd**. Apart from the wide range of pictures on show, we will have a small number of member's craft stalls as well as members demonstrating their painting skills and talking to visitors about their work. There will also be refreshments (and cake!).

New members of the Society are always welcome, whether you are an active artist, a total beginner, or simply just interested in how pictures are made.

For more information, the people to contact are :

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- Thursday 3rd October** - **Lunch at The Pheasant, Brill** - £4.50 travel.
- Thursday 10th October** - **Westcroft Shopping** - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book.
- Tuesday 22nd October** - **Thame Market & Shopping** – lots of stalls with vibrant displays of produce, gifts, homeware, clothes and more. £5.00.
- Thursday 24th October** - **Westcroft Shopping - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc.**, bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book.
- Monday 28th October** - **Asda Shopping MK1** - option to go to M&S, Primark, etc., £4.00.
- Tuesday 29th October** - **High Tea at Lakers Garden Centre, Winslow** – 3.00pm. £9.00.
- Thursday 31st October** - **Autumn Colours Drive at Ashridge with Lunch at Greyhound Inn, Aldbury** - £4.50 travel.

- Tuesday 5th November** - **Buckingham Bus** – 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.
- Thursday 7th November** - **Cotswolds Tour** – Touring the Cotswolds and a pub lunch with Peter. Ride, listen and enjoy. £8.00 travel.
- Tuesday 12th November** - **Frosts Garden Centre** – Browse and maybe do a little early Christmas shopping. Have lunch or afternoon tea in their restaurant and coffee lounge. £5.00 travel.
- Thursday 14th November** - **Westcroft Shopping** - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book.
- Monday 18th November** - **Lunch at The Black Boy in Oving** - £2.50 travel.
- Tuesday 19th November** - **Bicester Avenue** - Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Lakeland, Cotton Traders, Laura Ashley and more. £5.00.
- Thursday 21st November** - **Milton Keynes Shopping** – Drop off & pick up in Centre MK. £4.00.
- Monday 25th November** - **Asda Shopping MK1** - option to go to M&S, Primark, etc., £4.00.
- Tuesday 26th November** - **Winchester** – Christmas Market in the Cathedral Grounds, Shopping, etc , £20.00.
- Thursday 28th November** - **Westcroft Shopping** - Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick-ups. Ring to book.

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Every Wednesday morning – Winslow Market Service -bringing surrounding villages into Winslow (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. FREE with a bus pass, otherwise only £3.00 return.

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GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Great Horwood Parish Council would like to welcome Sue Brazier as the new Parish Clerk. Some residents will remember that she also was the Clerk about 13 years ago. Sue will take over during the month of September. Her contact details can be found on the Parish Council contact list.

Mrs Sue Brazier 01296 714712
clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk

FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES

DON'T MISS OUT!!!! As has been previously advertised Great Horwood Parish Council will once again be donating up to £3000 to local causes. Application forms have been sent to previous applicants but if you would like your group to be considered, you need to start thinking about your bid as applications will not be considered after the **closing date of 31st October 2019**.

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. Winning bids will be announced at the December Parish Council meeting.

PAVEMENT PARKING

As mentioned in the July edition of Focus I contacted PCSO Andrew Petrowski about the issue of pavement parking. As was reported in the draft Minutes of the last PC meeting (and relayed on Facebook): *'PCSO Petrowski will deal with any unacceptable pavement parking he sees. Thames Valley Police (TVP) will assess the situation but will allow leeway as long as vehicles allow a gap for a pushchair/mobility scooter to get through. He asked that the PC post this information on a community messaging service. Any problems should be reported to TVP on the 101 service so that it can be dealt with there and then. The problem can then be dealt with a Fixed Penalty Notice or the vehicle being recovered at the owner's expense'*.

Since this message was put out residents have been making a real effort to leave space for pavement users. The Parish Council would like to send their thanks to those involved.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

The Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan review committee held two meetings in July (9th & 19th). The Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Great Horwood PC website.

SPEED WATCH CO-ORDINATOR

The voluntary post of Speed Watch Co-ordinator for Great

Horwood is currently vacant. The Parish Council needs a volunteer willing to maintain and organise a rota of residents who can spend an hour with the camera every so often. They would not have to keep the camera or know how to operate it (unless they join the rota themselves) as Mandy Cliffe has offered to keep it. If you are worried about speeding in the village, this is the most proactive thing you can do. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or co-ordinator, please contact me on clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk or phone 714712.

INFORMATION SHARING GROUP

This is a new way of communicating useful information to villagers and was mentioned in a recent edition of Focus. If you would like to receive information first hand, such as PC Agendas, Minutes, Thames Valley Police info, roadworks updates and other ad hoc information, please contact me with your email address and I will add you to my list.

CHURCH LANE ALLOTMENTS

An allotment plot at the Church Lane Allotments is due to become vacant shortly. If you would be interested in renting an allotment, please contact me for further details.
Sue Brazier



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I have now closed my Just Giving page and want to thank everyone for all their donations to Florence Nightingale Hospice. Both the Hospice and I have been totally overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and I'm delighted to say that, so far, I have raised the amazing amount of £1,376.25 which has far exceeded my expectations. I have only said "so far" as donations are still coming in via Facebook and other means and these have not yet been added.

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Great Horwood Pece

Over the summer we were able to secure a micro grant from AVDC for the landscaping of the play area surrounds. We had decided to soil and grass seed these as the wood surrounds have lasted 10 years, but now require weekly repairs. This is stage one of our three stage project of changing the woodchip surface to rubber chippings. Adjustments had to be made due to the grass cutters requiring specific gradients so our thanks to Croudace for gifting extra soil and Tuckwells, who carried out the landscaping, for being so accommodating with our last minute alterations.

Due to the very dry weather we have had, the ground has split in some areas of the field, which seems to have given wild animals starting points to dig for food, please be aware of these when walking!



Chewing to the shelter and the Toddler tunnel is still occurring though not to the degree it had been. Whilst we appreciate we have wild animals capable of this, we also have specific identification of a Hungarian Vizsla causing some damage whilst it's owner/walker seemed oblivious. Please, please respect the equipment and all the hard work that goes into keeping the Rec and it's equipment a pleasant open area for all to enjoy.

Can we also ask the teenagers who like to party on occasion at the Rec, to be mindful of noise and the residents nearby. We have had one of the picnic tables badly broken up which has now been repaired and two consecutive weekends had very noisy goings on into the early hours, culminating in shouting in Spring Lane at 4am. This is unacceptable.

The annual Fireworks Display will take place at the Rec on Saturday 2nd November (see poster in Focus for details).

Cathy Holland Rec Committee

MEN IN SHEDS

Saturday 19th October 10:30 – 13:30

MISW Open Day and Shed Sale

Thought I'd get the Big News in first! Do pop in if you have a minute and would like to see what we get up to – further incentives in the form of tea and cake, tools, garden stuff and furniture at bargain prices will be on offer too! All items (except the tea and cake) will have been restored or is ready for you to pick and commission us to restore: think of it as a cross between Bargain Hunt and The Repair Shop.

As thoughts turn to putting the heating back on and the clocks about to go back, its rather nice to have a picture from this year's Winslow Show to remind us of some of the scorching summer weather we have enjoyed this year. Despite the heat, our Knock In a Nail competition was as keenly contested as ever but three blows remains the record. So far it's the roofing trade that hold the honours. Far be it for me to stir up unrest but I did overhear remarks about fencers and chippies 'going soft' with their fancy nail-guns. I might have misheard but - you know - just saying. We'll be back next year!

With cooler Autumn days comes increased Shed attendance and the start of our promised programme of monthly presentations. The first will be an operation and safety update on the new planer-thicknesser and circular saw bench we have been able to purchase through an AVDC micro-grant. This powerful combo allows us to convert rough and/or uneven timber into accurate, finely finished stock to quality joinery or even cabinet making standards. The date is October 24th and the session runs from 11:00 – 12:00.



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Like me, do you get lots of scam calls on your BT landline in spite of having signed up to their call preference service? You may be interested to know how to stop these irritating calls which come at all times of the day by following these very simple instructions yourself. I discovered this easy trick when I phoned 151 a few weeks ago regarding having had no WiFi all day and wary of a recent call I'd received that same day about my BT account having been hacked. I was sure it was a scam call but wanted to check, worried that my bank details might have been hacked.

The very helpful man at BT then told me how to stop all these calls and I've been successfully doing so ever since.

As soon as you receive one of these calls put the receiver down, make sure the call has ended, and then dial 1572, followed, when requested, by Option1. An automated voice will then repeat the most recent number and ask if you want it to be blocked. If so, say yes but if you have changed your mind you can say no.

I have been asked if you can use this service if you don't have a modern phone where the incoming number comes up automatically on your screen. This should still work but you will need to dial 1471 to get the number of the incoming call. When you then dial 1572, option 1, you are only asked about your recent incoming call so your outgoing 1471 call should be irrelevant.

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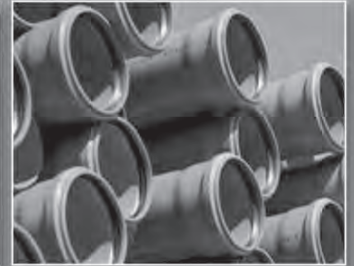
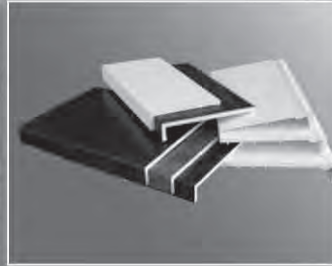
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