

OCTOBER  
2020



## St James Church Annual Giving Day and Cake Stall October 10th

In September we held a very successful Cake Stall in the Church Porch and would like to thank everyone who contributed. We will be holding another Cake Stall starting at 10.00 on Saturday 10th October again in the Church Porch.

Any cake contributions gratefully accepted to Lindsay Dunham, Wigwell Spring Lane Tel 712521 or Margaret Moore, 8 High Street Tel 713281

We will also be combining the Cake Stall with our Annual Giving Day. Our finances have been hit by the Covid 19 restrictions, compulsory closing of the church building and of course cancellation of normal fund raising events like the Village Fete and the Swan Harvest Auction so the Annual Giving Day is more important than ever this year. There is an envelope enclosed with your Focus. If you would like to Gift aid the donation this will allow us to reclaim the tax on your donation. If you would like to donate specifically for the Roof Appeal, please write Roof on the envelope.

We will be at the Church from 10 - 12.00 on Saturday 10th October and can take cheques and cash in the envelopes or if you prefer contactless card payments. Alternatively, please pass you contributions to David Brazier at 13 The Close or Russell Margerrison at 5 Wigwell Gardens at any time.



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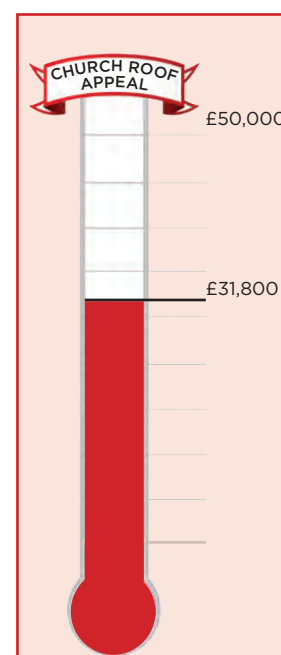


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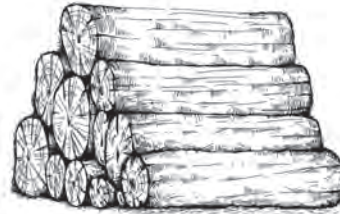
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We have been able to re-open the Church for Sunday Services whilst complying with government guidelines on social distancing, hand sanitizing, maintaining records of attendance and now wearing face masks during the service. All our services are at 11.00 on Sundays and all are welcome.

## DISTRIBUTOR CHANGES

We are pleased to welcome John Gilbey as distributor for Townsend Cottages and thank Debbie Armitage again for many years of delivering Focus. We also would like to thank Sandra Sanderson for her many years of distributing Focus in Singleborough and would like to welcome Louise Edwards as the new distributor there.

## GREAT HORWOOD VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to report that the return of the weekly visit of the Post Office on Wednesdays from 9.30 to 11.00 has been well supported and is set to continue. The new social distancing regulations prevent us from serving refreshments for the time being. The hall is of course open for new bookings subject to the Covid requirements.

I am pleased to say that Russell Margerrison has kindly offered to take on the post of Treasurer and we hope to have appointed a new cleaner to the team by the time you receive this.

For further information contact Ian Lamberton on 01296 715968.

## MK FOOD BANK

We want to thank everyone who has so generously donated to the Food Bank during lockdown and thereafter. Your very kind donations have made a difference to so many families life's. Thank you again Georgina Pacitti and Lisa Kelly.

## W.I.NEWS

It was lovely weather for our picnic on the Pece. We sat in the shade and took our own picnics and drinks and it was very nice to meet up again after the last few months.

We have taken advantage of the glorious early autumn days to get out on our Monday walks this month and some have been quite long ones to Nash, Thornborough and Little Horwood.

Our monthly Zoom meeting includes a quiz and we are hoping that some of our speakers booked for this year will be happy to give us a talk via the internet.

Please contact Angela Mayne on 715400 or [Angela.mayne@googlemail.com](mailto:Angela.mayne@googlemail.com) if you would like any further information.

## HORWOOD PECE

Having had to carry out Risk Assessment, produce posters, comply with distancing within items of play, all in accordance with Government guidelines, and then have a team to fulfil these criteria, it was a joyous moment when we could finally open the Rec once more! A big thank you to all users of the Rec for keeping to these guidelines.

Please remember to take larger items of rubbish eg: pizza boxes and bagfuls of cans, home, if you don't, someone else has to! The Rec continues to have weekly checks carried out by a volunteer rota - if you would like to join us in keeping this fantastic facility running smoothly, please contact John and Liz Nicholls at 8 The Green (drop a note with your name and contact details through their door) it is approximately an hour of your time every 6-8 weeks, the more on the rota, the less frequently you will do it!

Our plans for this years' maintenance and improvements have obviously been scuppered by Covid-19, we are still hopeful that we can complete the rubber chipping project before the winter, at present the wood chippings are low, but not below safety standards.

*Cathy Holland*

*Rec Committee*

## GREAT HORWOOD SCOUTS

1ST Great Horwood Beaver Colony are recruiting now for Beaver Leaders.

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**Beavers is just the beginning of your big adventure.**

We look forward to welcoming all 3 sections back to face to face meetings as from October: These will be in restricted bubbles and with all areas of risk covered

### Beavers Scouts

Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30pm

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### Cub Scouts

Wednesday 6:15 – 7:45pm

Emma Laird, Richard Walsh, Anna White

### Scouts

Friday 7:30 – 9pm

Simon Cull, Martin Cook

For more information please contact

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## WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

With the continuing restrictions on public gatherings, the Winslow & District Art Society has very little to report for September save the start of the painting group in early September in Great Horwood Village Hall.

This weekly painting group is restricted in numbers – as you might expect, and currently spaces are taken up mainly by Society members who previously attended the other weekly groups. Once the Society's usual venue at the Winslow Bowls Club becomes available again, we are hopeful that we may be able to continue with three groups operating and provide a regular opportunity for Great Horwood residents.

Our painting groups enable members of the Society to get together to paint in a sociable atmosphere and support each other with advice and suggestions to improve skills and try new ideas. Our group members have a range of abilities, from those who are just sampling drawing and painting for the first time to some who have been painting and selling pictures for years. The mix of abilities means that there is usually someone with a practical solution to a problem and the opportunity to have a dedicated time for art encourages regular practice.

The restrictions on public access to venues mean that we have decided to cancel the planned Exhibition at the end of October in Winslow, and we will be working towards holding one in late May next year. A shame, but we have to be sensible. We are hopeful that we may be able to restart our monthly demonstration meetings by professional artists after Christmas, but much will depend on Covid restrictions.

As ever, we are always happy to welcome new members and there is no need for 'beginning' artists to worry about feeling out of place among our existing members who are very supportive of those just starting out on their art experience. We are, of course, limited in what we can offer members at the moment, but as time progresses, we hope to extend our programme.

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One-off items will be available and made especially for the event, with many new releases being showcased on the day too. Get on top of your Christmas shopping early with some wonderful, one-of-a-kind resin pieces. From coasters to chopping boards, jewellery, and Christmas decorations; there is something for everyone!

This is a cash only market, but if you have the PayPal app and working on your smartphone, payment via PayPal will also be accepted.

Whilst we want to make this a fun experience, due to the latest 6 people limit announced by the Government, social distancing and limits to those entering the market will strictly be adhered to. Please bear with us and please be aware there may be a small wait whilst others look around the market, we will do everything possible to make it clear on the day and people will be on-hand to guide you through. Of course, if rules change, this process may also change. Hand sanitiser will be provided upon entry and on exit. Please bring a face mask.

We're hoping the British weather is in our favour and the market will be held entirely outside, but if not, the market will still take place inside with clear access guidance given on the day.

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**Our aim is to restart all our scheduled routes over the coming months.**

**Excursions and hires remain suspended for the foreseeable future.**

### Wednesday Winslow Market Service Timetable

#### Route 54b - Gt Horwood, Whaddon, Nash

Stops	Outward	Return
Winslow, Vicarage Road	n/a	11.45
Gt Horwood, Church	n/a	11.51
Whaddon, School	10.02	12.00
Nash, opp Church	10.06	12.04
Gt Horwood, Church	10.10	n/a
Winslow, Vicarage Road	10.16	n/a

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## GREAT HORWOOD C.O.E SCHOOL NEW UNIFORM AND 'THANK YOU TREAT' FOR PARENTS!

Great Horwood C.O.E school children started the new term proudly wearing a new Burgundy uniform and parents each received a card with a tea bag and biscuit inside, as a "Thank you" from the school for their support.

In these difficult times it is hard for parents to find the money to buy new uniform so a key criteria for the team researching uniforms, was to keep the cost as low as possible whilst at the same time, finding a hardy material and a smart style.

Settling on the colour took some time, as the school was keen to 'stand out' from the crowd and clearly identify the children as being from Great Horwood School. Burgundy is a warm, rich colour signifying prosperity, success and ambition. Those who like wearing it value individuality and uniqueness which is certainly a GH school value! The colour is also associated with religion which, as a Church of England school, the team felt to be fitting!

A parent commented on the first day back:

"We are all loving the new uniform. The Burgundy colour looks really smart and my two were proud to be wearing it when they headed off to school."

The idea for the personal card, tea bag and biscuit (pictured right) was a joint effort from the management team at the School.

"It will be hard leaving children again when they have been at home so long," said Sarah Biswell, Chair of Governors.

"I hope the good old British 'cure all' of a cup of tea and a

### ARE YOU A PAST FAMILY FROM GREAT HORWOOD? DO YOU REMEMBER BUYING A BRICK TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL?

The children at Great Horwood CE School would like to say a huge thank you to Charlotte and Frazer Nash, who live in the village for tidying and cleaning the Sundial and Bricks. They came into school during the summer holidays and now the Sundial and brick surround looks amazing.

If you bought a brick do look at the 'Latest News' page on the school website and see if you can find yours! We hope it will bring back many fond memories of your time at the school.



Great Horwood C.o.E School children  
show off their new uniform

sweet biscuit, will cheer up any parents feeling low, and let them know we care. Their support for the school and our new uniform, has been much appreciated"

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As in previous years, 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. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, contact details below. Applicants must be from organisations associated with the village. Winning bids will be announced at the December Parish Council meeting. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2020**.

### THANK YOU, JANE



Once again Jane Holland has been tidying up the planters which can be seen at the four roads that enter our village. They are now planted with winter colour and look very cheerful. Thank you, Jane for all that you do to make the village look welcoming.

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### WELCOME TO GREAT HORWOOD



A big welcome to our new residents! There have been many people moving in and out recently. We hope you are settling in and enjoying our lovely village community. Would you like to receive a Welcome Pack? This has recently been updated and includes information on village organisations, the School, Pub, Church and the local area. Please contact John Gilbey by email on [johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com](mailto:johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com)

### LITTER PICK – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



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The date of the next meeting is Monday 12th October at 7.30pm. Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website [e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/](http://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/) Meetings will continue to be held remotely via Zoom as Government guidelines encourage this at the present time.

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## GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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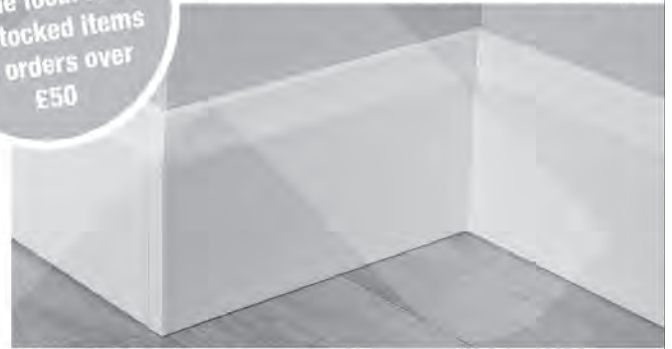
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## MOWING THE CHURCHYARD – SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER FROM 11AM ONWARDS.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the community who has helped cut the grass in the Churchyard and the new Burial Ground during the spring and summer. A special mention to Neil Taylor and Robert Davies who have contributed on a weekly basis throughout the growing season.

The Churchyard is looking excellent and with the growing season coming to an end, if we could have one final day of help from the community on Saturday 10th October for a final cut of the year it would be very much appreciated.

Thanks again

David Brazier

