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St James' Service	s for Septemb	er	Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessor
2nd Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	S Martin	D Brazier
9th Sept	11.00am	Come & Praise	S Hemphill	T Brazier	M Gilbey
16th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	N Weir	J Brigden	J Margerrison
23rd Sept	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
23rd Sept	11.00am	Service of the Word	M Gilbey	J Margerrison	Clergy
30th Sept	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	J Margerrison	C Finnemore	M Vincent
7th Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	J Margerrison	M Gilbey

Church Key Rota – Monica Gilbey – tel 711915



#### Lighting of the Church Tower

The tower was lit on the following occasions:

- July 5th to remember Toby Terkelsen
- August 3rd and 4th to commemorate the wedding of Hannah Vincent and Roger Murphy

August 10th to remember John Thompson

of this parish 1950-2011

- August 24th for Sheila Gurnett's Birthday
- August 27th for the Gurnett's 52nd Wedding Anniversary
- Sept 2nd to celebrate the 80th birthday of Iris Gillgrass

lan Lamberton

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We have heard that the government will soon decide whether people can continue to obtain driving licences, vehicle tax discs and other DVLA services at the Post Office. Please help ensure the Post Office can continue to offer these, as well as other vital central and local government services.

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We are fortunate to have Paula bringing the 'portable' post office equipment to the Village Hall every Wednesday morning, 9.30 to 11.30, offering all the usual postal services. And tea, coffee and chat are also available, along with books and jigsaws to borrow.

Liz Nicholls (Tel: 715331)

#### Great Horwood Scout Group

The new Scouting Term begins in September and this gives me an opportunity to reflect on the year just gone.

The Cub Pack, under the enthusiastic leadership, of Trevor Jones has followed a varied and interesting programme, including visits to the local fire station, essential bicycle maintenance (I wonder if Bradley Wiggins was taught this in the Cubs!) and a percussion session. They also took part in the annual football tournament and were runners-up and the District Bike Ride in May.

The Scouts have continued to progress under the leadership team of Andrew Fuggle and Alan Fletcher, and took part in both the aforementioned Bike Ride and the District Challenge Camp in July.

We have carried out a couple of fund-raising events; along with the Rainbows and Brownies, we raised £770 through bag-packing at Tesco in Buckingham and had a very successful sponsored bleep-test and "Olympic" style games evening in July which has raised nearly £230 already with more to come. My sincere thanks go to the members of the Executive Committee, leaders and other assistants in arranging these events and ensuring they were both successes. We intend to use the money to refurbish the kitchen within the Scout Hut and would like to appeal to anyone who might be replacing their kitchen at home to contact Justin Daley on the number below as we may be able to recycle your old units for a few years longer!

If you have a child who might be interested in joining Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows or Brownies, or you feel you might be able to offer your services as a leader or section assistant, please contact Justin Daley on 01296 720916.

Justin Daley, Group Scout Leader 1st Great Horwood Scout Group



### GREAT HORWOOD BROWNIES - HELP NEEDED, PLEASE!



At the end of the summer term, Ella Millerchip stepped down after four years as Brown Owl. On behalf of all the Brownies, parents and leaders, I'd like to say a big "thank you" to Ella for all her hard work and dedication to Brownies and for all the fun we had under her leadership. We hope she will come and visit us often.

Unfortunately, another of our leaders decided to leave at very short notice, leaving us an adult short for September. We really need to find one or two adult volunteers to join us. Whilst we'd be thrilled to have a lady who would like to train as an assistant Brownie Guider, Sarah Hemphill and I are qualified Brownie Guiders so we'd be equally happy to find one or two people who would like to be Unit Helpers. Unit Helpers can be male or female, aged 18 or over with no upper age limit. They don't have to wear uniform, undertake training or plan activities unless they would like to. They just need to like interacting with children, be willing to submit to Criminal Records Bureau checks and be able to come along to help at Brownie meetings on Mondays during term time from 5.45pm to 7.00pm at the Scout Hut.

All Brownie leaders and helpers are unpaid volunteers but working with the girls is very rewarding and entertaining. We have a lot of fun. If you might be interested in joining us as a Unit Helper or even a trainee Guider or would like to know more, I'd be delighted to hear from you on 712034 or clareandsimon@clara.co.uk.

Clare Martin (Brown Owl)

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### **Great Horwood Diary of Events 2012**

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TIME	EVENT				
7.30pm	WI Village Hall – History of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists with Keith Jansz				
3.00pm – 4.30pm	WI Village Hall – Afternoon with John Bercow MP – open to all but ticket needed.				
7.00pm – 11.00pm	Alternative Race Night in the Village Hall				
7.30pm	WI Buckingham Canal – 'Then and Now' with Helen Preston;				
7.00pm – 9.00pm	Harvest Supper in St James				
10.00am – 11.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St James				
10.00am – 1.00pm	Giving day in St James with exhibits, cake stall & refreshments				
	7.30pm 3.00pm - 4.30pm 7.00pm - 11.00pm 7.30pm 7.00pm - 9.00pm 10.00am - 11.30am				

As at 15.08.12 Please email additions to john@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk



Church and Village Fete, 7th July

It rained and rained...and during a thunderous deluge, the Great Horwood Silver Band played on, reminding some of us of the Titanic. A "pond" appeared in the corner of The Green near The Crown, and many of the youngsters floated their coconut boats. But despite the soaking wet conditions, the Fete raised around £1,900 for the maintenance of St James'. Thanks to all the supporters who turned out -- more than expected. Also, many thanks to everyone who organised and manned the stalls, rattled the bucket, sold raffle tickets and collected bottles, provided electricity, helped set up and clear up, and The Swan Pub, who stepped in at the last minute to run the beer tent. Our vicar, Belinda Searle-Barnes, provided moral support throughout the afternoon, and drew the raffle. The Devon cream teas in the Church were wonderful and very popular, and the BBQ sold out. More stalls were added this year, and thank goodness for the Winslow gazebos.

Many thanks to our Raffle prize donors for their generous contributions: Horwood House, Bourton Mill Health and Leisure (Buckingham), Precise UPVC, Harlequin Press, The Iron Lady, Delicatessen Estrella (Winslow), Rt. Hon John Bercow MP, Stanton's Butchers (Winslow), The Swan Pub, No. 8 Boutique (Winslow), Henry's (Winslow), The Crown Pub, and Lloyd's TSB, as well as the residents who donated prizes. Please show your support for our donors.

The venue on The Green again worked well and, we look forward to next year's Fete, hopefully in summer sun.

Monica Gilbey

#### Volunteers Wanted!!!

Are you a parent? Have you a couple of hours free each week? Are you looking for an opportunity to give something back to your local community? Would you like to offer help to a vulnerable family with children under the age of 5 who needs the support and friendship of another parent?

If you are all of the above, then please contact Home-Start Central Bedfordshire, who are looking for volunteers within Milton Keynes to support local families by visiting them in their own homes. There is 10-week volunteer preparation course to attend prior to being matched to support a family. The course starts on Thursday 27th September 2012 until 6th December 2012 (excluding 1st November for half term) from 9.45am to 2.30pm at the Eclipse Centre in Newport Pagnell. The course is interactive, informative and will prepare you for your role as a volunteer.

For further details or to find out more information regarding the role of a home-visiting volunteer for Home-Start, please either call us on 01582 660061 or email office@home-startcentralbeds.org.uk – we look forward to hearing from you.



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#### Getting Vaccinated Against Seasonal Flu

All people who are over the age of 65 years or who have particular disease risks, are entitled to be immunised annually to reduce their chances of contracting seasonal flu and suffering complications associated with it. For vulnerable people flu can be a very debilitating infection and it can take several weeks to make a complete recovery. In some cases it can cause complications including bronchitis and pneumonia, which may need hospital treatment.

In addition to those over 65 if you are currently pregnant or suffer from any of the following, you are entitled to a flu vaccination:

- Diabetes
- · Heart disease
- Respiratory diseases such as emphysema, chronic obstructive airways disease and those of all ages with asthma and using long term inhalers
- Chronic renal failure or Liver disease
- Those with lowered resistance to infection
- People who are a main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill
- Some Neurological conditions
- Children up to 5 years of age who have had pneumonia in the past

If you are unsure if you are entitled please contact your surgery and they will advise.

At Norden House surgery in Winslow we will be starting our flu vaccination clinics in October. If you are a patient of ours and would like to book your appointment, we would suggest you ring from September onwards. Please do not wait to get a letter from us inviting you, just pick up the phone and book.

We strongly recommend that you have a flu vaccination so please contact the surgery on 01296 713434 to arrange an appointment.

Noel Ratcliffe , Practice Manager

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WEDNESDAY - STEAK NIGHT: FRIDAY - FISH NIGHT:

September - Pudding Club Saturday 27th October Halloween Party

For more information or Table Bookings – phone 712556





Diamond Way - Charity walk

A group of girls decided to take on the challenge of walking the 60 miles of *The Diamond Way* in the Cotswolds in June to coincide with the diamond jubilee.

With smiles on their faces and a few huge blisters, the tremendous 'Tiara Trekkers' succeeded in completing the walk. We are so proud of our achievements and touched by the generosity of strangers who donated over £200 during the walk itself.

To date, we have raised a massive £1914 that will be shared equally between two charities: MIND and THE CHILD BEREAVEMENT CHARITY. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who sponsored us and made donations and for all your support and encouragement.

A big **THANK YOU** to our support team over the weekend: we would not have been able to do it without you.

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Till next time: Kate & Sarah

#### Lions Club of Winslow

The Lions Club of Winslow, in conjunction with the Town Council, recently planted over 1200 trees as part of a national environmental plan. We were ably

assisted by the Sports Club, partners, children and friends, which was very much appreciated. In time, hopefully, the Winslow Sports Ground field and the area off Furze Lane will showcase the efforts of the Club.

Date for your diary: Guy Fawkes Night with the Lions huge firework display and bonfire in Winslow on **Saturday 3rd November.** The best in the county!!

Remember, all money raised is given back to the town and surrounding villages where it is needed. Thank you for your continued support and our contact number for help is 08458 337817.

P.S. We expect to enter the realms of 'high tech' shortly, with a new Blogsite. Details are being finalised and we will keep you posted!!

Jack Milburn (President, Winslow Lions Club)

#### Village Hall

Your village hall is running smoothly and we have a steady stream of bookings. The library and jigsaw swap is very popular and the Wednesday morning Post Office is definitely the place to be! Coffee 20p free range eggs £2 dozen. Hand-made greetings cards and the social get together is second to none. LOOKING FORWARD

Make a note in your diaries SATURDAY OCT 27TH 10am

There is to be a GRAND SALE of ARTS and CRAFTS. Quality items ideal for those special Christmas gifts

The Hall NOTICE BOARD gives you an insight to other events.

Jeannie Marshall



#### Winslow Community Cinema (formerly Buckingham & Winslow Film Society): Sept/Oct Programme

Friday 21 September: MY WEEK WITH MARILYN (UK, 2011, 99 mins)

With Michelle Williams, Kenneth Branagh, Eddie Redmayne

In 1956, Oxford graduate Colin Clark (Redmayne) leaves his wealthy family to pursue a career in the film industry. The lowly third assistant director strikes up an unlikely friendship with Marilyn Monroe, who is in Britain to shoot the ill-fated "Prince and the Showgirl" with Laurence Olivier. Based on Clark's own diary of this small, but memorable interlude in the megastar's career, this charming and nostalgic little film features a convincing performance by Michelle Williams, who captures perfectly the beauty and fragility of the ditzy Monroe - although she is almost upstaged by Branagh's enjoyable and theatrical Olivier.

#### Coming up in October:

- Friday 5th October: JULIE AND JULIA (USA, 2009, 123 mins)
  - With Meryl Streep, Amy Adams, Stanley Tucci
- Friday 19th October: EVEN THE RAIN (TAMBIEN LA LLUVIA) (Spain/Mexico/France, 2011, 104 mins, subtitled) With Luis Tosar, Juan Carlos Aduviri, Gael Garcia Bernal

## All screenings are in the Rose Room, Winslow Centre, Park Road at 7.30pm.

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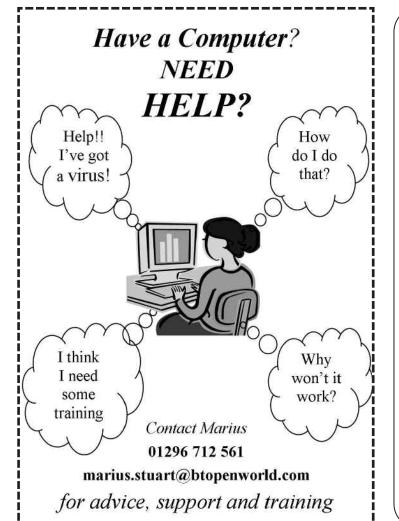
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#### Great Horwood and Singleborough Youth Club

Hi Youth Club Members. Just to remind you all that our first meeting of the Autumn Term will be on 3rd September at 7pm in the Village Hall.

We will be collecting the £10 annual membership fee and also, if you are in your 11th year and under 16 years and would like to become a member, this will be an opportunity for you to come along and register (you will need to bring along a parent/carer as there are forms to be completed).

We are hoping to access some funding soon which, if successful, will enable us to organise the sports cage which many of you have requested. See you soon. Monica Gilbey (Chair).

#### Horwode Pece Recreation Ground

'Certainly one of the better equipped, pleasant and well maintained play areas. Congratulations to all involved.'

This was the opening statement of the report on our annual safety check by RoSPA. Praise indeed. We are delighted, but must remember that more people help maintain the recreation ground than the management committee; it's all the users who clear up after other peoples' dogs and those who keep a general eye on things, many thanks to all.

So, it's disappointing to say that we have heard that some people have been stealing money and eggs from Mr. O'Brien's gate at the bottom of Spring Lane. Please remind your children and any other young people that this is a crime. If you spot anyone doing this or any other anti-social behaviour, please contact any of the committee or the Police Community Support Officer on the non-emergency number of 101.

Some people have asked 'Why is the zip-wire chained up?' This is because the seat on the zip-wire is unsafe, has a fault and has to be replaced. The fault is a large split around the seat, which seems to have started from some deep canine teeth marks in the rubber of the seat. Please, when walking your dog, stop it chasing the zip-wire seat. In the past, dogs have been seen chasing and biting the seat as it runs down the zip-wire. Hopefully by the time Focus is published, the new seat should have been fitted.

John Nicholls (01296 715331) Chairman – Management Committee

#### **Great Horwood Silver Band**

The band have been quite lucky with the weather at their performances during the summer, apart from Great Horwood Fete which was very wet, but it was nice to see so many people braving the rain to attend and it turned out to be an enjoyable afternoon.

The band played at Aston Abbotts Fete on Saturday 28th July and received their usual warm welcome. It was a lovely sunny day and the fete was very well attended .The band members also appreciated the delicious sandwiches and cakes provided for them by the fete committee.

On Saturday 18th August they played for the Aston Clinton Fete and produce show and on the 25th August at the Drayton Parslow Show and fete.

On the **8th September** the band will be playing for the Church Fete in Hardwick from 2.30pm. Hardwick hold their fete on alternate years and the band played there in 2010 and were invited again this year by popular demand from the Villagers.

We will be playing for a memorial service for Nick Saint, in Padbury Church on **Saturday 22nd September**; time to be advised.

The band are giving a concert in the Salvation Army Hall in Conniborough Milton Keynes on **September 29th at 7.30pm**, all are welcome.

The band now have a strong membership of over 40 people, of all age groups, we would however welcome a further bass player, if anyone is interested in playing or learning to play bass please contact me on 01908 510809.

Congratulations to Baritone player Rebecca Stoneman on obtaining a 2-1 Batchelor of Science degree in Banking and Accountancy from Bangor University. Congratulations also to bass player Stuart Beardsworth on obtaining a 1st class honours degree in Chemistry from Leicester University.

Congratulations to new musical Director Simon Martin and his wife Emma on the birth of their son Louis on June 30th.

Sales of the band's new CD are going very well and we have had many very good comments on the CD. Some of the CDs have gone to America, New Zealand and Spain as well as many Counties in England and Wales. If anyone would like a CD, which is called Horwood Reflections please contact any band member or call in at a rehearsal on any Wednesday evening

100 Club winners for July were:

Tony Hart £12 Colin Nicholls £8

August winners were:

Emma Mainwaring £50 Keith Mould £12 Vicki Cook £8

Beryl Lack



#### Neighbourhood Watch

Have your say meetings are your opportunity to speak with your neighbourhood officers to discuss any local issues of concern you may have. The next meeting is at Henry's, High Street, Winslow at 10:00 - 12:00 on the **25th September** The contact is PCSO Wendy Taylor.

It appears that the criminal fraternity have been on their holidays so I do not have anything to declare this time.

The beginning of september is usually a tranquil time regarding the weather. I always call it 'Battle of Britain' weather, because that is what it was, blue skies with high scattered clouds and very warm. There, that shows my age. If it turns out like that, **do remember** your door and window security; lock or chain doors and windows if you are out in the garden because the thieves will surely be out and about doing what they always do if you let them.

Again, do remember to ask neighbours and friends to report any suspicious activity to the Police WHEN IT IS HAPPENING. Don't leave it to someone else to make the call (999) - you might be the only one to witness it. And finally, do security mark valuable items, remember to keep the locks on your sheds, this is most important as thieves can use items to break into your property. If in any doubt about any of the above items ring the number below:

#### 101

Use it to report a crime, contact a police officer - all police officers have mobile phones so you can leave a message for them to respond to when next on duty - or contact your local police station. 999 can also be used and will connect you to the emergency services, namely fire ambulance and the police. If you have information about crime but do not want to speak to the police, you can call <u>Crimestoppers</u> anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For any Neighbourhood Watch matters contact me on 713716 or call at 3, Greenway. More in October.

Regards, Ted Hadlow

To Whom it May Concern...

My name is David Bolton and I live in Little Horwood Road.

I do not have a Cockerel.
I have never had a Cockerel.

I never will have a Cockerel.

Recently, I did play a Howlin` Wolf CD, with all windows open, perhaps a little loudly.

One title was "The Little Red Rooster".

I hope that wasn't the problem?"





#### Parish of Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Vision & Objectives

Your Neighbourhood Planning Team has made progress towards producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. Central to this process is setting a vision for the future and the supporting objectives. The Great Horwood Parish Council has now endorsed the vision and objectives which are set out below, and we now ask you the local community, to look at them and give us any comments or suggestions.

<u>Vision</u> - To plan for sustainable development to benefit the community, whilst preserving the distinctive character and special features of the parish of Great Horwood.

Objectives (what the community wants to achieve in order to help realise the vision)

1. DEVELOPMENT	To encourage development over the next 20 years that supports the needs of residents and businesses.
2. LEISURE & RECREATION	To promote leisure and recreational activities including facilities and footpaths in order to encourage healthy and crime-free lifestyles, particularly for young people.
3. PARISH CHARACTER	To avoid damaging the character or heritage of the main built up areas and their surroundings, and by doing so ensure that the parish will continue to thrive and be a place where people want to live and, having arrived, to stay.
4. VILLAGE CENTRE	Support and enhance the role of the village centre by encouraging its vitality and viability, maximising the potential to meet the needs of the community and enabling improvement.
5. HOUSING	To encourage the provision of starter homes and small family homes with emphasis on affordability.
6. LOCAL ECONOMY	To encourage the local economy by seeking high quality communication links and infrastructure, and provision of service operations.
7. INFRASTRUCTURE	To seek potential infrastructure improvements regardless of future development and maintain or improve the quality of existing green infrastructure and rights of way.
8. TRANSPORT	To seek improvements in transport infrastructure and transport choice covering everything from improved bus services to new cycle paths, as well as adequate parking.
9. QUALITY OF LIFE	To protect and improve the important aspects of life in the parish which need to be taken into account when planning for the future and take forward proposals which improve quality of life.
10. ENVIRONMENT	To ensure that development is considered in the context of the current village environment and conservation areas, and avoid over-crowding or adverse impact on wildlife habitat, flora or fauna, so that the existing peaceful and friendly rural community is safe-guarded.
11. COMMUNICATION & FEEDBACK	To improve communication and interaction with households and businesses, giving the opportunity for feedback throughout the planning process.

<u>Please contact Cllr John Scholtens</u> (*Tel: 712373 or e-Mail johnscholtens@hotmail.com*) who is also Chairman of the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Planning Team, with any comments that you might have, <u>before 5 October 2012</u>, to allow the next stage of consultation with the AVDC planning authorities to take place. We are always looking out for additional volunteers to join the current 6 members of our Team so why not give it a go? All information relating to our work is on the Great Horwood Parish Council website at: http://www.bucksvoice.net/greathorwoodpc/neighbourhood-plan/

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#### GARDENING HELP WANTED

Working the erratic hours I do, I'm afraid my lawn mowing skills don't get much practice on the lawn at the back of our house, and our garden needs some TLC too. If anyone in the village or nearby is looking for some



regular gardening work – lawn mowing, weeding, pruning, general garden clearance, that sort of thing - please give me a ring on 07974 949996. James McCafferty, 39 Greenway, Great Horwood.

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#### W.I News

Great Horwood and Singleborough WI have had a wonderful summer despite the sun being absent a lot of the time. What a fantastic evening Sue Mitchell and her birds of prey gave us in July. They were an absolute delight,

especially the baby barn owls which stole the show. Not only did we see them at close quarters we also had the opportunity to handle them. So the braver amongst us put on our gauntlets and practiced the ancient art of falconry.



Sue has been a keen enthusiast for 20+ years and now has over 30 birds, from indigenous species to the more unusual Great Grey Owl and American Barn Owl. She and her husband display their birds all over the country and have a wealth of knowledge. Did you know the term "fed up" relates to a bird not having the inclination to fly and hunt because he is full of food? Another term is "to come to the end of its tether" which means the bird has come to the end of its training line and needs to be set free.

Some of us also took the opportunity to visit Stony Stratford Croquet Club one very sunny July evening and had a great time. The club didn't mind that we were all novices and soon had us playing a game. It's not as easy as it looks and is very competitive but also addictive, so we plan to go again.

Our picnic in August was great fun. We all took food to share and held our own mini Olympics, which included egg and spoon race, penalty shoot out and "welly wanging". You may not have seen these in London 2012, but we all had a good laugh.

Our autumn programme kicks off with a talk by *Keith Jansz* about the History of Mouth and Foot Painting Artists, on *September 11th*. Many of you will have seen his picture in the local paper recently when he carried the Olympic Torch in Stoke Mandeville.

On September 14th local MP John Bercow will be visiting the village at our invitation to talk about his life as the Speaker of the House of Commons. This event starts at 3pm and the £4 ticket (booked in advance) includes afternoon tea.

Unfortunately, this summer also saw the passing of Audrey Harris a past member and treasurer of our WI. Audrey was the designer of the wall hanging displayed in the Village Hall. She and her husband Ralph ran the village shop in Nash (taking over from Ralph's parents), until their retirement to Singleborough. We send our condolences to her family. She will be sadly missed.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. If you would like to know more about your local WI or are interested in any of our forthcoming events please call us it would be lovely to hear from you.

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## CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT LAST MEETING - MONDAY 9TH JULY 2012

#### Planning Matters

The applicant withdrew their original application for an additional dwelling to be built in the grounds of 2 School End but then submitted a revised application (12/01264/APP). The Parish Council once again submitted a document giving detailed reasons for its objection and this application has yet to be determined by AVDC.

The appeal by the owners against AVDC's demolition notice on Hedgerows, Nash Road was refused but they have now submitted a retrospective planning application for the property as an agricultural dwelling (12/00862/APP).

#### Code of Conduct

Under the Government's Localism Act the Parish Council have now been required to adopt a new Code of Conduct. The National Association of Local Councils has produced a model code and at our meeting we unanimously adopted this version of the code for Great Horwood. The code is a fairly simple document and is based on the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

A copy of the code is now available on the Parish Council website. Under the code all Councillors have to declare any pecuniary or other interests and the monitoring officer at AVDC will establish and maintain a register of interests of the parish council's members and co-opted members. A copy of this register will be published it on the AVDC website, and also on the parish council website.

#### BCC Local Area Forum Grant

As in the past 4 or 5 years the Parish Council has applied for discretionary funding that is made available each year from Bucks County Council for members of the Winslow and District Local Area Forum. Once again we have been successful and we have been granted the largest amount of any member of the forum. The project that has been approved is for the extension of the footway from the entrance to the cricket ground in Nash Road towards the A421 to meet up with the cycle path. This will, for the first time ever, provide a proper footway for the whole length of Nash Road from The Green to the A421. This project was suggested by Mr. and Mrs Whitehall and so we are delighted that it has been approved by Bucks CC.

In the previous 5 years we have been successful every year in our bid for funding and this has helped provide the replacement bus shelter in Little Horwood Road, the dropped kerbs along Little Horwood Road and Spring lane, the footway at the top of Nash Road near The Green and the parking area and footway in front of 2 to 10 of Nash Road

A further budget of £40,000 is currently available from the Winslow and District Local Priorities Budget. This is open to any group who meets the Local Priorities criteria which are to help reduce speeding and to promote facilities for young people and general community projects. I have forwarded this information on to a number of organisations within the village who provide activities for young people and Cllr. Porritt is following up the idea of sharing a moveable Speed Monitoring Device with other parishes.

#### Neighbourhood Plan

As reported elsewhere in this edition the draft Vision and Objectives provided by the Neighbourhood Planning Team was approved at the meeting.

#### Footpaths

Robert Deuchar has reported that:

"The parish's only bridleway, from the Singleborough Road near

Brambles Day Nursery to the Thornton Turn off the A421, has been cleared of fallen trees and overgrown vegetation in the week ended 7 July."

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Robert for continuing to ensure that parish's footpaths remain in excellent condition.

#### Horwode Pece

As reported elsewhere in this edition the annual inspection of the recreation equipment has now taken place and the inspector's report was very complimentary and included the following statement: "Certainly one of the better equipped, pleasant, and well maintained play areas the inspector visits. Congratulations to all involved". The Parish Council thanks all those who are involved in the regular inspection and maintenance of the Pece.

#### 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 always 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 Monday 10th September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

> John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Counciljohn@gilbey98.freeserve.co.uk



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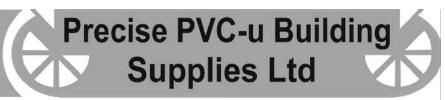
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