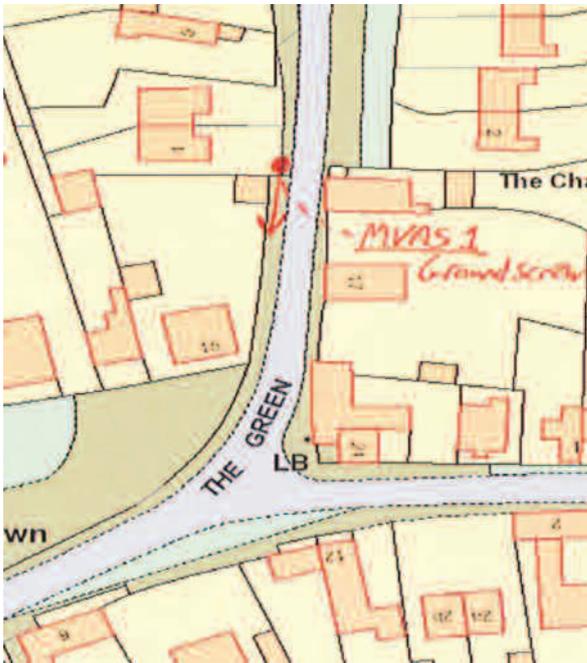
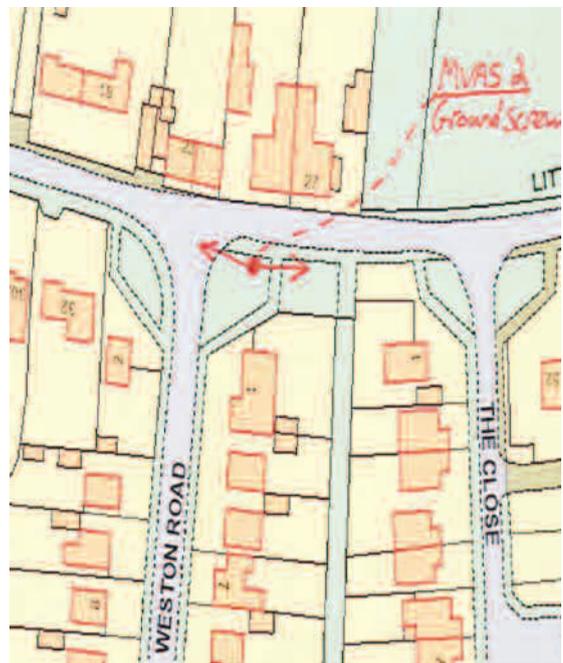


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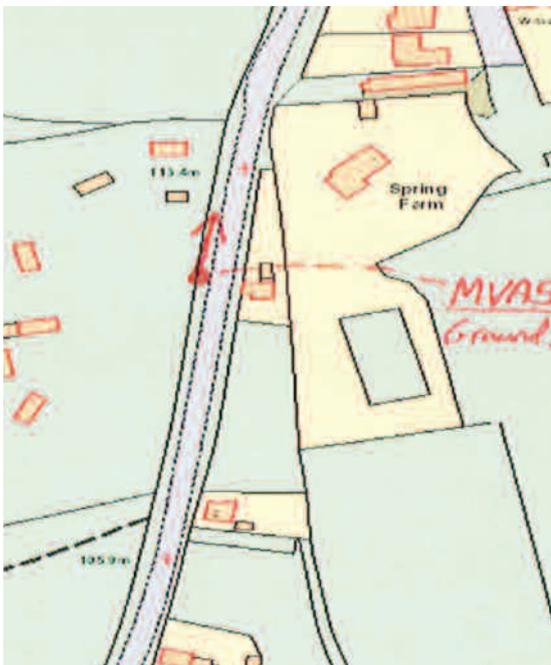
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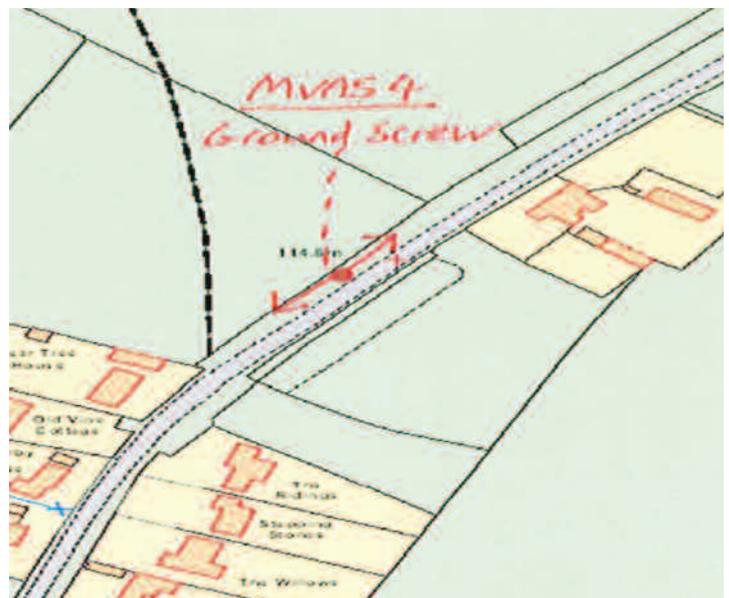
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6th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion

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Lighting of the Church Tower

The tower was lit:

- on the 5th July to remember Toby Terkelson
- on the 10th August in memory of John Thompson.

Ian Lamberton

Village Hall

Where does the time go? At least we have had some nice weather.

The village hall is having some tender loving care bestowed!

It comes following our sad loss of Monica Jones. The family generously gave us the collection made after the funeral. Your committee met and decided that wall lights were a fitting memory. To date we are still getting quotes so watch this space!!

We also have had quotes to smarten up the gates to the rear of hall. If the hall funds allow this could also be a project, so keep the bookings coming to keep us solvent!

To book the hall phone Jeannie on 01296 713727

Our jigsaw swap is very popular. If you have any that are complete, we would be pleased to give them a new home!

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Anne Mills

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Lions Club of Winslow

July 25th was the day that saw the culmination of a joint project where 5 local Lions Clubs (MK Central, Bletchley, Newport Pagnell and Olney, Leighton Buzzard and Winslow) came together to provide a collaborative

solution to a shared community need.

Winslow Lion David Binnie was at the opening of the 'Parent's Room' at Ward 5 (otherwise known as the Children's Ward) at Milton Keynes Hospital. Facilities for visiting



parents were virtually non-existent and the local Lions stepped in with an offer to provide a dedicated room with some privacy, a sitting out area and tea and coffee facilities.

It is a HUGE improvement on what was available previously and it was deeply appreciated on the Ward. A great example of a template for future projects....

This all happened after July 1st 2013, when our President Jack Milburn handed over his chain of office to Dennis Corben. The annual changeover lunch was a very happy celebratory event at the end of his twelve month stint.

It has been a highly successful year with a record £19,000 being raised and even more distributed. Congratulations Jack. Welcome and all power to Dennis.

We mentioned last month, it is our intention to supply and install a defibrillator in the town, for use in cases of emergency, such as heart attacks. It is hoped we can position this at the Fire Station which would seem appropriate in view of it's purpose.

Want to know more or join in the fun ?? You can contact us via Facebook at: www.facebook.com/winslowlions and we will be delighted to hear from you. Alternatively use our contact number 08458 337817 to obtain more details about the Club, the above items, or to request help for you or your organisation.

More news next month..... !!

Jack Milburn (Past President, Winslow Lions Club)

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For the last two years there have been over 1400 alerts to the Buckinghamshire County Council Safeguarding Team resulting in over 800 assessments each year. The most common type of alert is for physical abuse with neglect being the next highest. Together they represent 42 per cent of victims between 18 and 64, and 49 per cent over the age of 75.

Abuse can happen everywhere: in your local area there were 23 assessments of safeguarding.

Safeguarding is everybody's business, if you suspect, witness or believe you are a victim of abuse then speak up and phone the **Careline 0800 137 915**. Or visit www.bsvab.org for more information. All calls are confidential.

The campaign is being run by Buckinghamshire County Council on behalf of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board (SVAB) which has representation from the police, health, probation, fire, district and county councils, and relevant agencies.

NBFA Assisting the Elderly is a charity dedicated to helping the elderly stay socially and physically active through means of pain relief machines, emergency home alarms, free holidays, and subsidised Day Trips. Their goal is to ensure that the elderly who have become isolated, alone or unhappy are enabled to reintegrate, and conduct a more enjoyable lifestyle.

On 28th October they have a Break-Away holiday to Skegness, with pick-up points in Milton Keynes, Bletchley, and Buckingham.

These are **free five-day holidays for people 65 and over**, whom are on a low income and haven't been on holiday in three years or more.

Half board accommodation, transport and entertainment are provided free of charge; all that they ask is that applicants be able to climb aboard the coach unhindered.

To find out more please contact Nisha Kotecha on 020 7828 0200 or at breakaway@nbfa.org.uk

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Lynne Maddocks (Community Engagement Officer (Voluntary sector & older people), Aylesbury Vale District Council).

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Great Horwood Silver Band

The band are having a very busy summer as usual.

They played at the Great Horwood Church Fete on Saturday 6th July and the weather was glorious, a bit different from last year when it was pouring with rain all day. On the 7th of July they played at a Garden Party at Carey Lodge in Wing, this was a new venue for the band and they were made very welcome.

On the 13th July they played at the Aston Clinton Church fete and on the 27th July the band returned again to play at the Aston Abbots Church Fete.

Sat August 17th saw the band returning to Aston Clinton for their Show and Fete. Saturday 24th August. they played for the Drayton Parslow Show and Fete.

On Monday 26th August they play at the Winslow Show from 2pm.

On **Sunday 1st September** the Band will play on the Bandstand in Parsons Close Leighton Buzzard from 3pm.

We have been invited to play for the Gardeners Fete/ Fun day in Little Brickhill on **Sunday 8th September** from 2.30pm. This is a new venue for the band and we are looking forward to this very much.

On **Saturday 19th October** the band will perform a Concert in the Village Hall Great Horwood. from 7.30pm. All proceeds from the Concert will be for St. James' Church Great Horwood.

100 Club winners for July were:

- Alan Swan £12
- Mary Elms £8

As this year sees the 125th anniversary of the Band's foundation we will be having a band dinner, possibly at the Bell at Hardwick, which has just been taken over by band member Clare Tring and her husband. You can see all the band's latest news on our webpages on:

www.freewebs.com/greathorwood

Beryl Lack

Neighbourhood Plan and Planning Team

The July issue of FOCUS contained an article by John Scholtens, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Team, about the modifications to the proposed list of development sites that had been made as a result of the public meeting on 18th May. After publication of the article we received, as expected, a number of additional comments. Unfortunately, however, a few of these comments were phrased in a personal manner, and as a result John felt obliged to resign from the Team. In his resignation statement he said:

"It is quite clear that many of the residents at the eastern end of the village have not appreciated that in light of the public consultation on 18 May, the NPT took forward the points made by many of the attendees. As promised at the meeting, we reassessed the planning assumptions, proposed an additional potential development site and challenged AVDC to change their decision about the unsuitability of the Old Mill site. I am saddened by the increasingly personal attacks, admittedly from a minority of residents, on both the NPT and me. Some of the comments have been scurrilous and blatantly unfair and I suspect that nothing we say or do will appease them. I for one, have nothing personal to gain from the whole process and despite a huge investment in time over the past 18 months as Chairman of the Team, I feel it is now time to step aside."

I'd like to thank John for all his efforts in taking work on the Plan to its present stage, and to express disappointment that he felt the need to resign. Three other members also decided to resign at the

same time, and so the Team became inquorate and was unable to conduct any further business. The Parish Council considered the matter at their meeting on 8th July, and decided to allow a cooling-off period and to reconsider the matter in September. By the time you read this, their decision should have been taken.

My own view, as one of the original team and one of the two continuing members, is that a Neighbourhood Plan would provide a considerable benefit to the village. If the decision is to continue then we will need a few more volunteers to build on the considerable work that has already been done.

In the meantime, there is no reason why informal discussions and investigations cannot continue. I have been looking at some of the sites that have been proposed, and it now seems clear that, irrespective of any arguments in favour, the Old Mill site is a non-starter because development there would contravene Government planning policy (the National Planning Policy Framework 2012, para. 55). Adherence to this policy is mandatory, and if a proposed plan fails to comply then it will be rejected at the "Examination" stage.

If work on our plan goes forward then we shall, of necessity, need to consider other sites. There have already been informal discussions with some residents of the eastern end of village to try to identify the shape of a solution which, if not ideal for everybody, might nevertheless lead to a result that we could accept. I hope that these will lead to a successful conclusion.

David Saunders



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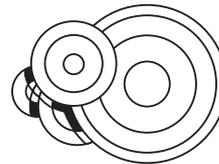
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- Prevent rural crime offences through high visibility policing in hotspot locations
- Respond to rural crimes, identify and secure suspects and bring offenders to justice
- Target known offenders and crime groups
- Improve confidence in the police amongst the rural community

The main offences we will be targeting are hare coursing, poaching, theft from and of agricultural machinery and burglary of farm buildings (dwelling and non dwelling). Each of the LPAs will plan their activities around the rural crimes affecting their areas most.

Chief Superintendent Tim De Meyer, Head of Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships said: "The sort of work planned for the 100 days of action is already happening across the Force and will be business as usual from now on. These more intensive operations will serve to speed up our progress in tackling criminals who target the rural economy, improving security in rural areas and gaining the trust and confidence of local people."

For details about what policing activity will be happening in your local area for the 100 days of action, please contact the press bureau on (01865) 846699.

Wendy Taylor (Police Community Support Officer)



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. If you wish to have your say, the next meeting is at **Great Horwood football tournament on the 31st**

August or Music in the Park at Newton Longville on the **7th of September**. The contact is PCSO Wendy Taylor or any member of the Thames Valley Police.

There are continuing issues in our district concerning Shed Security: Thames Valley Police are again warning of continuing thefts from sheds in the Aylesbury Vale area and are asking for your co-operation in this matter by following this crime prevention advice:-

- Keep your shed in good condition.
- Fit a closed shackle padlock to the door.
- Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed.
- By using tamper-proof screws or coach bolts, together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be-thief.
- Ensure all equipment and tools are locked away when not in use and install a shed alarm.
- Post-code or mark all property such as lawnmowers, bikes and tools using ultraviolet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA, Smartwater, CREmark or an engraver.
- Install security lighting as a deterrent where you can, also use plants such as thorny shrubs which will act as a barrier at potential access points.
- Ensure ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they can't be used to reach top floor windows.
- Chain large items such as bicycles together, making it much more difficult for a thief to carry them away.

- Fit a wire cage inside the shed where more expensive items can be locked away. No thief wants to hang about longer than they have to in order to get their hands on your tools.

It is in your own interest to pay attention to your security. Any problems ring:-

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Also 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 Crimestoppers 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



W.I News

Well didn't we have a lovely summer; all that sunshine made us feel so much better but now the smell of autumn is in the air. Hopefully the warmth

hasn't completely left us as the days shorten and the evenings get longer so why not pop along to a WI meeting. We have lots of things happening over the next few months; Sue Mitchell who entertained us so well with her owls last year is coming to our September meeting to tell us all about judging Gordon Setter dogs and entering them for Crufts. In October Charlie Lane will be speaking to us about Disability Snowsport and in November we have a visit from the Milton Keynes Food bank.

We would like to say a special thank you to local craft expert Gill Wood who kindly stepped in at short notice for our July meeting as the scheduled speaker couldn't make it. We were introduced to "Parchment Craft" and spent a very relaxed, absorbed evening making a little gift bag.

Our August meeting was a picnic at Horwood Pece. Everyone brought a plateful of food to share so there was a lovely variety and much more than we could eat. Then we played a friendly tournament of Boules; this was great fun, and for beginners we all did very well but need to practise!

It's not all about the meetings we also get out and about. We have organised a Skittles Night, at The George, Winslow on 1st October and a Trip to the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury to see Pricilla Queen of the Desert with a back stage tour on 22nd November. There are also our bi-weekly walks to help us keep fit and healthy while appreciating our lovely countryside.

In July half of our membership spent a fantastic day out in London visiting the House of Lords and Commons, the Speaker's House State Rooms and the Jewel Tower. This was followed by a relaxing trip on the Thames, a very good dinner and a ride on The Emirates Cable Car.

What's on September / October/November?

- WI meeting: **Tuesday 10th September** – All About Crufts
- The George, Winslow: **Tuesday 1st October** – Skittle Night
- WI meeting: **Tuesday 8th October** – Disability Snowsport
- BFWI Group meeting: **Tuesday 15th October** - Mursley
- WI meeting: **Tuesday 12th November** – Annual Meeting/ Milton Keynes Food Bank
- Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury: **Friday 22nd November** – Pricilla Queen of the Desert

If you would like to know more about your local WI please phone for a chat. We will also gladly collect and take you to one of our monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Hope to see you soon.

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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

LAST MEETING – MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013

MVAS Installation

I am having to write this report rather earlier than usual due to holidays but am pleased to report that the positions for the sites to be used by the MVAS (Movable Vehicle Activated Sign) have now been marked out by Bucks County Council Transport for Bucks and are shown on the front page of this month's 'FOCUS'.

As I write this I do not have any definite information as to when the installations will actually take place or when the training will take place that will be required for the volunteers who will need to operate the system.

Planters

The fifth planter was installed in Singleborough and thanks to the attention of one Parish Councillor for each of the five, regular watering has taken place during the long hot dry spell and as I write this all the planters are thriving. (Shame about the verges but thank you to the volunteer who has strimmed the verge around the planter in Winslow Road).

Give Way Signs

The 2 Give Way signs have been installed in Singleborough Lane on the approach to the junction with Pilch Lane. Together with the new road markings which were previously installed this should make this junction much safer.

Neighbourhood Plan

Following some rather personal criticism, 4 out of the 5 members of the Neighbourhood Plan Team have resigned and so the

development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish is currently in abeyance. At its meeting on Monday 9th September the Council will have to decide on the best way forward in resurrecting the development of such a plan. (see also separate article in this edition of 'FOCUS')

Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar presented the following report for this month:

"All the Parish's footpaths have been inspected and pruned between 24 June and 5 July."

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 9th September 2013 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council
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Monday	9th	Sept:	MK Shopping. £3.00.
Tuesday	10th	Sept:	Visit RAF Museum Hendon great day out. £10.00.
Thursday	12th	Sept:	Westcroft Bus*
Sunday	15th	Sept:	Last seaside trip, to Southwold. 3 hr journey, but worth it! £12.50.
Monday	16th	Sept:	Afternoon tea and cake at Lakers, your local garden centre. Spend an hour or so pottering. Travel £2.00.
Tuesday	17th	Sept:	Ashmolean Museum –Francis Bacon & Henry Moore major exhibition featuring 20 works by each. £15 includes entrance.
Monday	23rd	Sept:	Buckingham Garden Centre Free tea or coffee on arrival and 10% off lunch. £3.
Thursday	26th	Sept:	Westcroft Bus*
Thursday	26th	Sept:	Winslow Bus AGM. Come and support us. 7.15pm Winslow Centre Hall.
Sunday	29th	Sept:	Great Days Music Hall with Sunday Roast lunch. With tunes made famous by iconic performers such as Marie Lloyd, Max Miller, Gracie Fields and George Formby. £35.00.
Tuesday	1st	Oct:	Buckingham Bus. 1 hour Buckingham 1 hour Tesco.
Thursday	3rd	Oct:	Local lunch at The Swan in Stewkley. 2 courses for £10.00 followed by a game of Bingo!
Tuesday	8th	Oct:	Frosts Garden Centre. Popular destination. £3.00.
Tuesday	22nd	Oct:	Thame market £3.00.
Tuesday	29th	Oct:	Local Autumn colours and lunch £6.00 (not including lunch).
Thursday	31st	Oct:	Local Autumn colours and lunch. £6.00 (not including lunch).

Milton Keynes Theatre.

All prices are for tickets in Band A price range (Circle or stalls) and travel. Performances start 2.30pm unless otherwise stated. Door to door service! **Book soon to avoid disappointment.**

Wednesday	4th	Sept:	Carnaby Street –jam packed musical from the 60's Stalls Row Q £19.50
Wednesday	18th	Sept:	Ghost –The musical. 'Simply out of this world.' Circle Row B. £26.50.
Wednesday	9th	Oct:	Private Ear & Public Eye A revival of this stylish British comedy Stalls Row N £19.50
Thursday	17th	Oct:	Le Corsaire a thrilling swashbuckling ballet Stalls Row P £34.50
Saturday	26th	Oct:	Barry Humphries Farewell Tour –razor sharp brilliance. Circle C £54.00
Wednesday	30th	Oct:	People Wonderfully comedy from Alan Bennet starring Sian Philipps. Stalls Row Q £32.00
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