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10 Years of the GH Doctors Car Service

The Great Horwood Doctors Car Service took its first customer to the Norden House Surgery on 20th September 2006 and made its 510th return trip on 10th August 2016.

During the research that was carried out in preparation for the publication of the Great Horwood Parish Plan it became clear that one of the problems facing villagers was that there was no available bus service that could provide transport to/from the doctor's surgery in Winslow. So after the publication of the Parish Plan in May 2006 I looked into a way of providing such a service as an alternative to taxis for those who did not have their own transport and who could not be helped by partners, other family members, friends or neighbours.

After recruiting a small number of volunteer drivers we started in September 2006 by advertising a mobile phone number on which anybody requiring to visit the doctors could ring and leave a message. It would then be arranged for one of our volunteer drivers to pick up the villager at their home, take them to the surgery and then wait to bring them home after their appointment. It was agreed that the drivers would receive no reimbursement for the trips and that each user would make whatever contribution that they felt appropriate.

Over the years the surplus funds have been used to provide the bench in the bus shelter at the end of Little Horwood Road and to provide free raffles at the village Pub Lunch Club Christmas Dinners.

Over the 10 years we have transported between 30 and 40 different people, some of whom have made many, many trips and overall we have averaged one trip per week. However, during our busiest year of 2009 we did 99 trips, an average of 2 per week.

Apart from myself, the volunteer drivers who have made the most trips include Jeannie Marshall, David Saunders, Monica Gilbey, Ian Lamberton and Graham Mayger.

We do rely on Focus providing us with a free advert in as many editions as possible so that people who are new to the village can easily find out about our service and give us a call (SEE AD OVERLEAF).

Anybody in the parish who has access to a car and could offer an hour or so on the odd occasion and would be interested in helping to provide this service please contact me.

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The drivers are all volunteers who will not be claiming any expenses and so you are only asked to make a voluntary contribution to our running costs. The funds received will be used to cover the cost of the mobile phone and any surplus will be donated to a deserving village cause of our choosing.

If you have any questions or would like to be a volunteer driver please let me know:

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25th Sept	11.00am	Come and Share
2nd Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion

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Village Fete

We had mixed weather this year at the Village Fete but a fun time was had by all. On behalf of St James' Church I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making the Village Fete a success again this year. Particular thanks to The Fete Committee of Valerie Porritt, Andrew Grimditch, Roy Hemphill and Ian Lamberton.



David Brazier

Horwode Pece

Probably the only sunny Sunday in June was used to full advantage with the Annual Picnic on the Pece. Giocoso played to their usual high standard and were appreciated by those who turned out for the afternoon.



The wood chippings top-up for the play areas has been delayed as we have been trying to find someone to take on the task of spreading them. This has now been resolved and they will be ordered imminently.

The slabs have been put down beneath the basketball net on the goal to provide a 'bounce' area for ball shooting practice.

Cathy Holland
Horwode Pece Committee

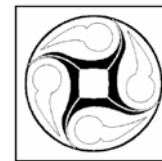
Donation to Focus

Thank you Jackie Jolley and Jason Stones for your kind donation to FOCUS.

Dean White

Richard Jolley

Jackie Jolley from Willow Road and her son Jason Stones from Townsend Cottages would like to thank their family, neighbours and friends for all their help and support since their loss of Richard. It's been a very difficult time and they're very grateful knowing that people care.



Great Horwood
Parish Council

STREET PARKING

IN GREAT HORWOOD

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE THANKS TO THOSE RESIDENTS WHO PARK WITH CONSIDERATION IN THE VILLAGE

- THANKS TO THOSE WHO ALLOW PLENTY OF ROOM ON THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH FOR ITS INTENDED USERS INCLUDING PEDESTRIANS, MOBILITY VEHICLES AND PUSHCHAIRS.
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Many residents have expressed their concerns to the Parish Council and the School about parking within the village.

The PC does not want to be heavy handed but the standard of parking within the village needs to improve.

We ask that all residents park with consideration for other road and footway users. Footpaths and white lines must not be obstructed. The PC has been advised that there may have to be **fixed penalty** notices served if parking doesn't improve in certain areas. Safe and considerate parking is everyone's concern, especially at School drop off and collection times.

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Chairman's Monthly Report : Last Meeting - Monday 11 July 2016

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The July meeting of the Parish Council considered matters relating to current planning applications and also the roadworks in Pilch Lane and on the A421. Thankfully these all seem to be complete. Thanks were given to the Horwood Pece Management Committee for organising the Picnic on the Pece once again. This is a well-established and enjoyable village event now with entertainment provided by the wind band Giocoso. Sadly, there has been some vandalism of picnic tables at the Pece. It's a shame when thoughtlessness interferes with the enjoyment of others in this way.

This all seems a long time ago now. However, the Parish Council has not been idle since then. The MVAS continues to monitor the speed of drivers through entering the village. It is alarming to see how fast some drivers go through the village with no regard to pedestrians and other road users.

Preparation of comments on the consultation on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) has been underway, including in particular a response to the proposal of a possible New Settlement on the Airfield Site. Some of you may have been to a consultation event in Winslow Public Hall which gave a flavour of the complexity of the issues facing Aylesbury Vale District Council and the residents of the area.

By the time you read this the decision of the Secretary of State on the called-in application for development in Weston Road should be known. We have had to wait what seems like a long time since the Inquiry in March but it is only right that the Secretary of State should take the issue of the VALP plans in June into account as well. This has meant that publication of the decision was deferred for a month.

The Parish Council was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Daphne Hanson. She made a significant contribution to the life of the village in many ways for many years. The Parish Council sends its condolences to her family.

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 the Clerk or any Councillor. We are always pleased to welcome residents to our monthly meeting during which there is always a public participation period. **The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 12th September** in the Village Hall.

Mary Saunders
Chairman, Great Horwood Parish Council
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GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council

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Great Horwood Village Hall Bookings	01296 712165
Doctors Car Service	07704 140110
Winslow and District Community Bus	01296 715786
Aylesbury Vale Dial-a-Ride	01296 330088

Community Police Officer

PCSO Wendy Taylor Tel: 101
Winslowanddistrictnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the village tidy, especially Paul Landymore for hedge cutting at Townsend Cottages and the constant work on the Village Green by Jo and Graeme.

If you have shrubs or trees in your garden that overhang the path we'd be really grateful if you could cut them back. If we don't maintain our hedges this can cause villagers' to walk onto the road or even make the line of sight in your car awkward, which could end in an accident. So please, next time you take your car or walk out of your drive, check your shrubs.

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| Tuesday 6th Sept | - Buckingham Bus* 1 hour in town 1 hour in Tesco |
| Thursday 8th Sept | - Westcroft Bus* |
| Monday 12th Sept | - Asda in Bletchley. M&S, New Look, Topshop. Primark. £4 |
| Tuesday 13th Sept | - Visit Chiswick House (English Heritage). A Fine example of neo-Palladian design, sumptuous interiors and a rich collection of old paintings. Over 65 acres offer a unique oasis in the heart of London, including a Camelia collection and kitchen garden. £17.50 (£10.50 to EH members) |
| Thursday 15th Sept | - Local lunch at The Oak in Aston Clinton, 2015/16 overall winner Aylesbury Vale Village Pub competition. £5 travel |
| Sunday 18th Sept | - A day out in Bournemouth, catch the last of the summer. £20 |
| Thursday 22nd Sept | - Westcroft Bus* |
| Tuesday 27th Sept | - Visit Basildon Park (National Trust) - an 18th century house with a 1950's kitchen. £20 (£8.50 NT members) |
| Thursday 29th Sept | - Local lunch at The Crown Granborough. £3.50 travel |
| Tuesday 4th Oct | - Buckingham Bus* Town and Tesco. Ring to book. £3 return |
| Thursday 6th Oct | - Pub lunch followed by a visit to Shaw's corner (National Trust). £15 (£7.50 NT members), including entrance, not including lunch |
| Tuesday 11th Oct | - Banbury Shopping. £6 |
| Thursday 13th Oct | - Westcroft Bus* |
| Tuesday 18th Oct | - Lunch at the Greyhound Aldbury. £5 travel |
| Thursday 20th Oct | - Lunch at The Greyhound Wigginton. £5 |
| Thursday 27th Oct | - Westcroft Bus* |
| Saturday 29th Oct | - Coffee Morning at the St Laurence Room Winslow 10-12pm |

Milton Keynes Theatre - please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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!

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| Thurs 1st Sept | - Sunny Afternoon - classic hits of the Kinks. £29.50 |
| Wed 7th Sept | - Keep Dancing- stars of the 2015 winners Jay and Aliona. £29.50 |
| Wed 21st Sept | - Breakfast at Tiffany's -stage play with music - a sparkling sophisticated production starring Georgia May Foote - Circle Rows B&C £29.50 |
| Wed 28th Sept | - Sister Act. A 'divine' musical comedy - £23 |
| Wed 5th Oct | - Full Monty. Hilarious and heartfelt play. Stalls Row M £24.50 |
| Wed 19th Oct | - Footloose starring Gareth Gates. Explosive rock n' roll sensation. £24.50 |
| Wed 26th Oct | - Cats - ground-breaking musical. Circle H&J £29.50 |
| Wed 9th Nov 7.15pm | - Glyndebourne presents Madame Butterfly. Circle C&D £62 |
| Wed 16th Nov | - Relatively Speaking, starring Robert Powell & Liza Goddard - beautifully crafted, wonderfully funny. Circle Row A&B. £19.50 |
| Sat 26th November | - Nutcracker - exquisite dancing, beautiful sets. Circle G&H £41 |
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| Wed 25th January | - Thoroughly Modern Millie. Winner of 6 Tonys including Best Musical: a brilliantly funny & entertaining show. Circle F - £33.50 |
| Wed 1st Feb | - Not Dead Enough -thrilling new stage play. Circle A&B £22 |
| Thursday 16th Feb | - The Red Shoes. Matthew Bourne's magical new adaptation. Upper Circle B&D £23 |
| Wed 1st March | - Funny Girl. 'Exhilarating' 'phenomenal' musical -Circle F&G £33.50 |
| Wed 22nd March 7.15pm | - La Boheme. Stalls Row P - £50.50 |
| Sunday 9th April | - Lord of the Dance Dangerous Games. Directed by Michael Flatley. Stalls Row N. £46 |
| Wed 10th May | - Mamma Mia! Abba-solutely fantastic! Circle Row A&B. £49 |
| Wed 12th July 2pm | - Jane Eyre - 'theatre at its most imaginative, a collaboration between National Theatre & Bristol Old Vic. £24.50 |

Please note that our drivers can drop you off or pick you up anywhere on route if you have difficulties in getting to a bus stop.

If you require any further information, or have special requirements, please telephone Sue on: 01296 715786.



At a recent band rehearsal we were delighted to welcome band President Len Goodwin and Sarah Long, representing the North Bucks Downs Group. We also welcomed members of Bob Hart's family. This special occasion was the presentation of a cheque for £450 to the North Bucks Downs Group, the proceeds from the recent Bob Hart memorial concert.

On Saturday 2nd July the band played for the Great Horwood Church fête and on Sunday 3rd July for Carey Lodge Retirement Home in Wing for their Family Day. On Saturday 23rd July they played for the Aston Abbott Church fête. The band's next engagement will be the **Nash Fete on Saturday 10th September** on the recreation field behind the Church, entrance through the gate to the left of the Church. Start time 2pm.

100 Club winners for June were:

- Elizabeth Gibbs £50
- Emma Mainwaring £12
- Emma Mainwaring £8

Winners for July

- Keith Mould £12
- Katy Slade £8

If you would like to join the 100 club at 10p per week please ask any band member or phone Beryl on 01908 510809.

You can see the band's new website on www.greathorwoodband.com

Beryl Lack

Wanted!



A set of **Encyclopaedia Britannica** or something similar. I am looking for a set of large, heavy books which I can label and use as subject markers for the non-fiction section of the school library. Ideally I would like 35 matching books. Please let me know if you think you have anything suitable.

Many thanks,

*Jill White, School Librarian, Winslow CE Combined School.
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Our August meeting was an evening picnic in one of our members' gardens. Everyone brought a plate of food and we had a lovely assortment to enjoy. We attempted boules, lawn darts and quoits whilst enjoying a glass of wine.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The walking group had an enjoyable evening walk followed by supper in a pub. Luckily the weather was kind for both events.

A group of us are off to Buckingham Palace at the beginning of September and we are also planning a theatre trip.

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 13th September** is a talk by Lesley Maddox from the Green Dragon Rare Breeds Farm and Eco Centre. The competition is a vegetable animal!

Visitors are always welcome.

For more information please contact Karen Wilkinson on 712933 or Angela Mayne on 715400

Angela Mayne



Date for your calendar Saturday 5th November

Steve Brigden of the award winning child care company Nipperbout and chairman of the Great Horwood and Singleborough Recreation Trust would like to present...

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Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

We are delighted to announce that **Great Horwood Guides will reopen in October**. The unit shut down several years ago due to a lack of leaders and, ever since, girls from Great Horwood and the surrounding villages have had to give up Girlguiding after Brownies or join the long waiting list to join Winslow Guides. Now the village Brownie leaders have volunteered to start up Great Horwood Guides again.

Guides will meet after Brownies at **Great Horwood Scout & Guide HQ on Monday evenings during term time (probably 7.30-9.00pm)**. **Guides is open to all girls aged 10-14**. They don't need to have been Brownies. This is a great opportunity for girls to continue to socialise and have fun with their middle-school friends even after they've moved up to different secondary schools and for girls from different schools to make new friends from Great Horwood and nearby.

The girls will be able to help choose what they do at Guides and will be able to enjoy a wide variety of activities from camp-fire cookery to party planning, from tie-dyeing to climbing. If you/your daughter would like to find out more about Guides, you might like to check out these websites: <http://new.girlguiding.org.uk/> and www.girlguiding.org.uk/Guides/.

If you/your daughter might be interested in coming along to Guides for a visit, please contact me (details below).

We are also looking for adults to join the Guide unit as leaders or regular helpers. This isn't the daunting prospect that it once was because there are now so many places we can take the girls to enjoy various activities like bush craft, sledging, ceramic painting, keeping safe, canoeing or archery with qualified instructors. There are also plenty of online resources to help. If you might be interested in joining the leadership team, I would love to hear from you.

Great Horwood Rainbows has plenty of spaces for 5-7 year-old girls at the moment. They meet on Wednesdays during term time at 5.00 pm until 6.00 or 6.30 pm depending on the season. Please ring Becky Porter on 07950 925743 to find out more.

You can register your daughter to join Rainbows or Brownies by going to <http://new.girlguiding.org.uk/> and clicking on 'Interested in Guiding?' and then on 'Register your daughter'.

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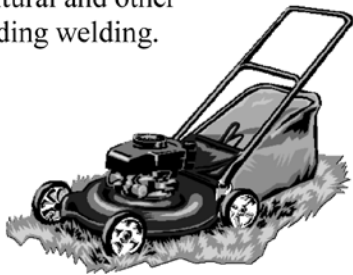
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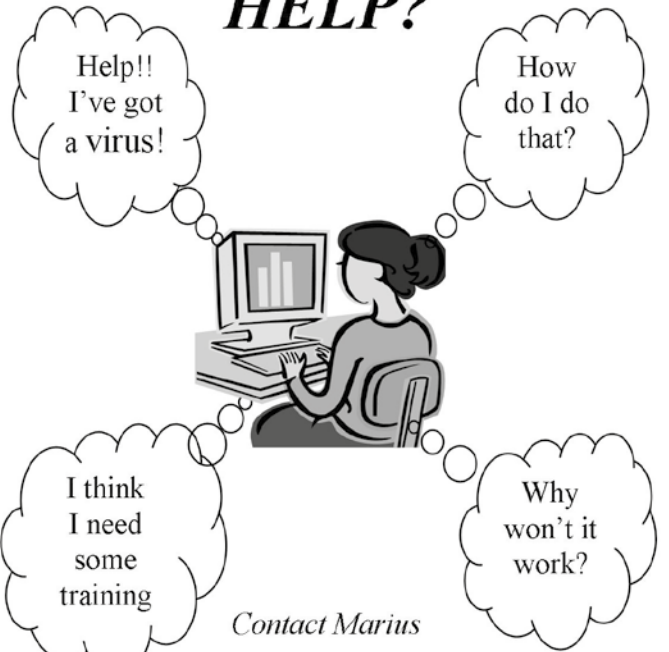
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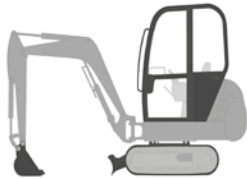
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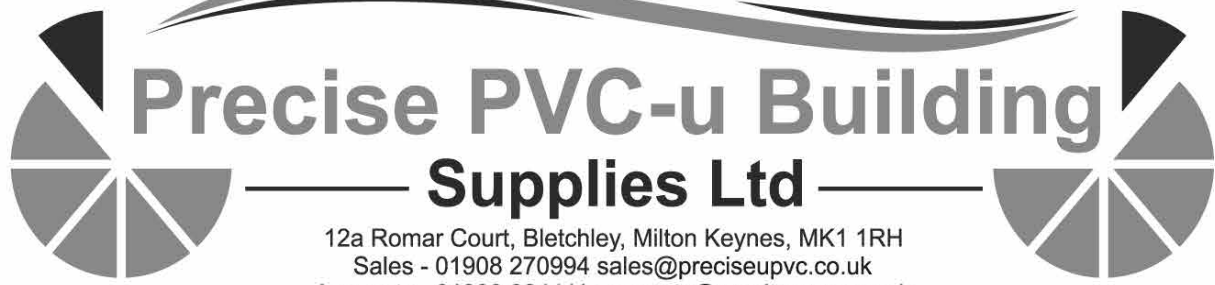
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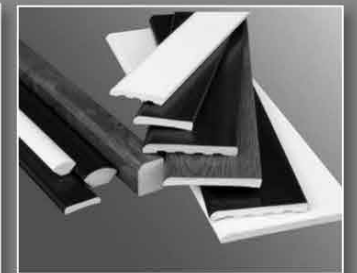
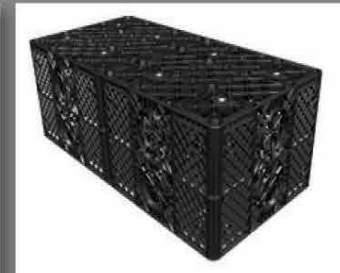
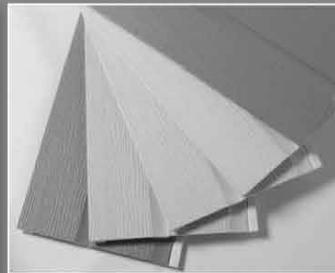
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