September 2018



Tower of London ceramic poppies - Weeping Window (Image: Juninho Paulista)

Battles Over is a national event that Great Horwood is proud to be part of. This is an occasion to share treasures and artwork that represent this time in history by displaying them in the village hall on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November.

Do you have Photographs, Medals, Letters, Books, or other items of interest.

Also would you like to create your own piece of Poppy art? Craft a poppy or poppies in any way you choose. Use fabric, card, wire, ceramic, paint a picture, write a poem, use your imagination. Produce a flower display or decorate a jar to hold a tea-lite that will brighten up our hall.

There will be a waterfall of knitted poppies from St James Tower, so get some red wool and get knitting.

To register items for the display contact

Mandy Cliffe, 01296 715829, clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk

Jane Holland, 01296 715704, jhghpc@icloud.com

and for knitted poppies Gill wood 01296 712165

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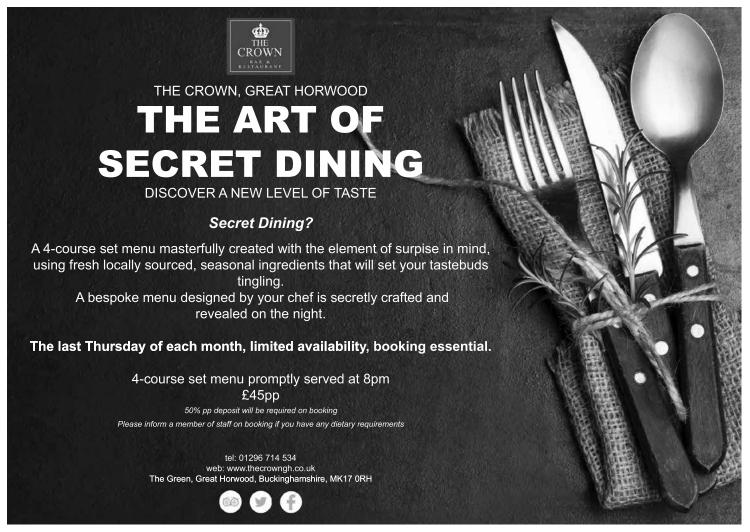
When: Saturday 13th October

Times: 10:00am to

call to book table:

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Church Times

St James' Services for SEPTEMBER 2018							
				Sidesmen	Reader	Intercessor	
	2nd Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison	
	9th Sept	11.00am	Come & Praise	P Moyles	H Moyles	Clergy	
	16th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	I Lamberton	J Brigden	I Lamberton	
	23rd Sept	8.00am	Come and Share	N Weir	C Finnemore	Clergy	
	30th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	D Brazier	I Lamberton	D Brazier	
	7th Oct	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison	
	2nd Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion	J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison	

Benefice Evensong: Please join us for Benefice Evensong at St Laurence Church, Winslow at 6pm on 9th September. The gu:est speaker will be Rev. Dr Joanna Collicutt who will be preaching on Ageing, Dementia and Spirituality. All welcome.

Church Key Rota: David Moore - 713281

Village Fete

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 WI, the Silver Band and all the stall holders.

David Brazier

1ST GREAT HORWOOD SCOUT GROUP

Section Meetings

Beavers Scouts (age range 6 - 8 years)
Tuesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Cub Scouts (age range 8 - 11 years)
Wednesdays 6:45pm - 8:30pm

Scouts (age Range 11 - 14)

Tuesdays 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Meeting in the Scout and Guide Headquarters in Great Horwood

We are currently fund raising for £25,000 to make alterations to the Headquarters

- Re-design the toilets
- · Refurnish the Kitchen
- Build the Extension

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GREAT HORWOOD SCOUT & GUIDE GANG SHOW (& AGM)

FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018, VILLIAGE HALL , Time TBA

Please try to attend and support your local Scouting and Guiding in the Village

For further information please contact

Yvonne Taylor

Acting Group Scout Leader

adcbandc@uwclub.net or 07931 585926

Village Hall News

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The band are coming to the end of a very busy Summer season of fetes and concerts and are now working towards the Autumn and Christmas Concerts.



At the band rehearsal on July 18th the band members and friends joined Beryl and Roy for cake and drinks on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding anniversary.

We are still recruiting players and learners, instruments and tuition can be provided free of charge. If you would like to join us please contact Beryl on 01908 510809.

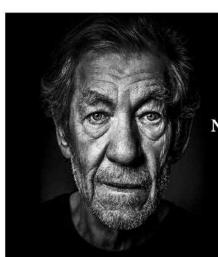
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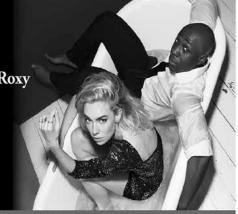




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See you there

W.I News

Earlier in July Monica and John Gilbey kindly arranged for us to have a Bowls evening at the club in Winslow. After **INSPIRING WOMEN** some patient instruction from our bowling hosts we thoroughly enjoyed having some team games followed by lovely refreshments...

The weather was kind to us for our annual garden party held in the evening at a member's garden; lots of lively chat with a full ploughman's supper, lovely desserts, and Prosecco.

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WINSLOW & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

The Summer break for the Society gives us a chance to prepare for a New Year of exciting events and speakers starting at the end of September.



We begin the Society year with our AGM on Thursday September 27th when local artist **Peter Keegan** will be demonstrating a landscape in oils. The demonstration part of the evening will commence at 7-30pm. Our regular monthly demonstration and speaker meetings at the Winslow Bowls Club house are free to members and open to non-members for a small charge.

October will bring us **Christopher Hughes** from Worcester, demonstrating a scene with animals, and early in November we welcome everyone to our **Winter Exhibition** at the Winslow Public Hall.

This takes place on **November 3rd and 4th**, and we hope to have our new display stands showing over 100 original works of art and photography. Members of the Society will also be showing other work available for sale from their own stands, so this will be a good opportunity for our friends to look around for something unique as a present. The Exhibition opening times will be published nearer the date.

The Society will continue to support those who wish to come along and paint at one of our weekly painting groups in Winslow and Padbury.

These popular sessions still have one or two places available for the Autumn season and you do not need to be an expert to join us.

Support and advice is available for beginners on their art journey, and all members are encouraged to exhibit in our exhibitions. We are a friendly Society and supportive of all abilities.

For more information, your society contacts are

Treasurer Jackie Chambers (01296) 713607

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Tuesday 18th September	 Visit Wimpole Estate - marvel at the architecture of the largest country house in Cambridgeshire, stroll around the 18th century pleasure grounds, woodland and gardens, admire the shire horses, rare breed sheep, cattle and pigs and daily farm activities. Only £18.50 travel and entrance, £8.50 for NT members.
Monday 24th September	- Asda in Bletchley Shopping, M&S, Primark, Next etc £4.00
Tuesday 25th September	 - Lunch at The Inn on the Lake MK. Traditional home cooked food in a lovely lakeside setting. £4.50 travel.
Wednesday 26th September	 Afternoon AGM! St Laurence Room 2.30pm start. All welcome! Tea and cakes! Ring Sue for details.
Thursday 27th September	- Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.
Tuesday 2nd October	- Buckingham Bus - 1 hour town, 1 hour Tesco or 2 hours Tesco! Door to door, bus pass accepted, otherwise only £4.50 return.
Tuesday 9th October	- Frosts Garden Centre - Senior citizens 2 course lunch for £7.95. Travel £4.00.
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Monday 22nd October	- Asda in Bletchley Shopping, M&S, Primark, Next etc £4.00
Tuesday 23rd October	- Local Lunch at The Unicorn in Cublington. £4.00 travel.
Thursday 25th October	 Westcroft Shopping* Morrisons, Boots, Aldi etc free with bus pass. Departs Winslow 9.30am, village pick ups. Ring to book.
Saturday 27th October	- Coffee Morning at St Laurence Room 10am-12pm.
	Please come and support the community bus and meet up with friends!
Tuesday 30th October	 - Lunch at The Greyhound, Aldbury with woodland drive and a stop at World's End nurseries. £7.00 travel.

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PARISH PUMP



GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Known as a Casual Vacancy (source of the title of the JK Rowling novel) Great Horwood Parish Council would

very much like to hear from any resident willing to become a co-opted member of the Council.

If you care about the Community, like meeting people, have time, patience and a bit of energy, you are the person we need to fulfil this very important role. It isn't always easy to be a Councillor, but it is **absolutely essential** to the running of the Parish.

Interested parties should contact the Clerk on clerk@ greathorwoodpc.org.uk or telephone 01296 715829. An informal chat with a councillor can then be arranged so that interested parties can find out what is involved (ideally prior to co-option at the PC Meeting in October).

FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES

DON'T MISS OUT!!!!! Great Horwood Parish Council will once again be donating £2000 to local causes. If you would like your group to be considered, please start thinking about your bid. 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. Bids must be submitted by 31st October 2018 and winning bids will be announced at the December Parish Council meeting.

VANDALISM IN HORWODE PECE

Great Horwood Parish Council abhors the damage that took place on Horwode Pece in July when several items were vandalised with a blade or screw driver. Large amounts of residents' money have been invested in this wonderful facility and a very few spoil it for the many. If you see any suspicious behaviour on the Rec, please report it to John Nicholls or Jane Holland on the Management Committee.

HORWOOD FEAST

The Annual Fair took place over 3 days of fantastic weather this year which allowed the dodgems and other amusements for smaller children to be included. Whilst the residents of the Green did not necessarily



appreciate the extra day I wonder whether fair users did. I hope you will let me know your views before the next Parish Council meeting as we have been asked for a similar extension next year. There is talk of bringing back the hog roast which gives the event its name and I understand there are proposals to speak to the Silver Band about including them in the festivities as well.

Many thanks to all residents and users of the Green for removing parked cars promptly. Your kind co-operation was much appreciated.

September 2018



POO

A plea to all dog walkers - please remember to put your poo bags in the proper bin. Someone is currently throwing poo bags into the hedge on Pilch Lane. It is unhygienic, unsightly and very unpleasant for our lovely volunteer litter pickers. They clog the ditches that someone has to clear and could also be a danger to animals. Thank you.

WEEDS IN GUTTERS

Thanks to the lovely weather, the Parish Council was able to undertake its planned weed killing programme in the village. Hopefully this will tidy up the verges.



DUSTBIN COLLECTION DAY



At the time of writing there has been no news on any changes to our dustbin collection day. However, I need to correct the information I gave in the last edition of Focus. The new dustcarts will take waste/recycling on the same cart as the garden waste. Food waste will continue to be

collected separately. There will be no change to the current pattern of alternate waste/recycling.

RECYCLING

Major changes to recycling are expected within the Bucks County Council area to save money. Following the current consultation period, some facilities will inevitably be closed. Thankfully, County Councillor John Chilver says that there are no plans to close the Buckingham site, indeed BCC are looking at ways to expand it as it is so well used.

PARKING

PLEASE KEEP GREAT HORWOOD A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL.



Parking problems in the village have eased due to the school holidays and the corner of Spring Lane has seen a big improvement as well. Drivers have either been on holiday, parking considerately and/or finding alternatives. All I can say it a big **Thank You** and express the hope that it will outlive the

vacation period because it has made life so much easier. The lack of a hedge at The Firs also makes it easier to see oncoming traffic on the wrong side of the road.

September will see the return of the school drop off and parking at collection times is tricky. The High St is a B class road and any sanctions on parking need Bucks County Council approval. I have found their response to our concerns uniformly negative and they always add the rider that the village would have to pay. On the plus side they did try very hard to find us a School Crossing Patrol Officer. There is also the perennial problem of non-resident parents which makes getting the parking message across difficult.

PARISH PUMP



VILLAGE GREEN REPLACEMENT BENCH & NEW NOTICEBOARD

The lovely sturdy new bench for the Green has arrived and is awaiting placement and securing to the concrete. It has been purchased by local resident Mr Peter Tucker and will be dedicated to the memory of his wife.



The new noticeboard is also awaiting fitting. It will be the same width as the old one but taller to provide extra room for notices. It has glass doors for weatherproofing with locks allowing 24-hour access. As the board is metal, notices must be fixed with the magnets provided. GHPC also ordered a header board. Although we knew the size, it is much more

imposing than we were expecting. On the other hand it will undoubtedly draw attention to the spot and we hope it will become a hub for important information as well as personal notices.

THE BATTLES OVER 10/11th November 2018

See elsewhere in this edition for details of this Commemoration of the centenary of the end of the First World War. There will be a display in the village hall and a beacon lighting on the village green. Look out for notices around the village in the coming weeks and contact the Parish Clerk for details on how you can take part or commemorate your own family members.



Mandy Cliffe
Parish Clerk Great Horwood
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Great Horwood and Singleborough WI are celebrating World Kindness Day on Sunday 21st October

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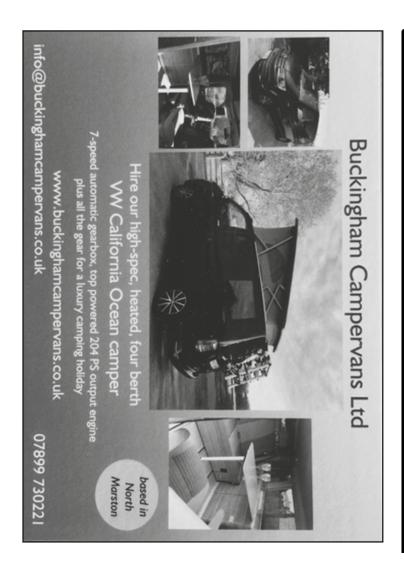
Please come and enjoy free tea, coffee and cake while listening to live music.

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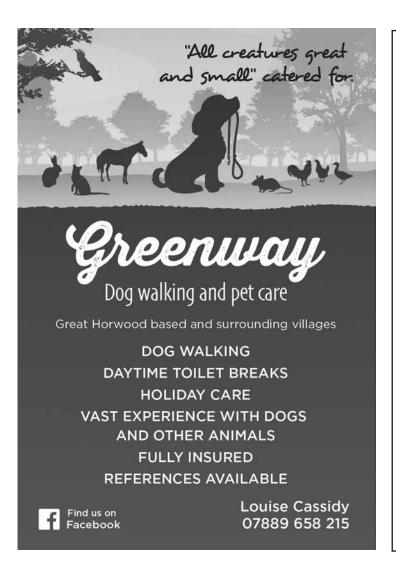
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2nd and 4th THURSDAYS in the month - Westcroft Shopping Centre. Full fare: £3.00 return.

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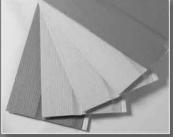
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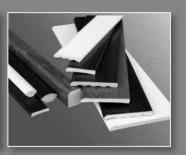
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