

SEPTEMBER
2022



WORK STARTS ON CHURCH ROOF



We are sure that you will have noticed that work started on the church roof in the summer, and we are pleased to say it is scheduled to complete in September.

We were very keen to undertake the work before the autumn as the temporary felt roof has already been damaged by high winds and we would have had to replace it to prevent further water ingress - putting back the final repair.

The work has not been without its setbacks with additional costs for rotten timbers and replacement of the flashings damaged when the lead was stolen which have utilised our contingency. We will have to defer the replacement of the felt on the South Porch and also need to find funds to redecorate inside the church which has been badly affected by water ingress at an estimated total cost of £30000.

So a massive thank you to all who have contributed to the roof fund - we think that to be able to replace in 3 years is a fantastic achievement and we hope that everyone will still be able to support our future fund raising for South Porch replacement and redecoration starting with the Quiz in September!

Russell Margerrison 714554

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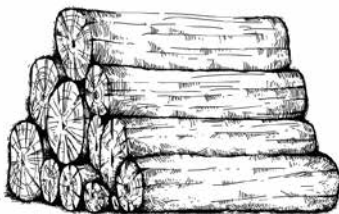
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St James' Services for September

Sept 4th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sept 11th	11.00am	Come and Praise
Sept 18th	11.00am	Creative Communion
Sept 25th	11.00am	Holy Communion

October

Oct 2nd	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Church Key:

Rita Essam - 714424 (from mid September)

October - Ian Lamberton - 715968

Sidesmen Readers Intercessions

J Margerrison	R Margerrison	J Margerrison
P Moyles	S Bayliss	J Brigden
D Brazier	S Brazier	D Brazier
I Lamberton	I Lamberton	Clergy

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

It's that time of the year again! You are all invited to the Best Coffee Morning of the year.

This year we are sharing the village hall with the Arts and Craft Group biggest thank you to them all.

It is time to share laughter, joy and fun with old friends and hopefully new ones.

It is also time to raise funds for this amazing charity.

You can share in the raffle many great prizes. We encourage the making of cakes and biscuits which will be sold on the day with coffee and tea. (If you cannot make the day and want to donate cakes/biscuits or raffle prizes give me a call 07535574544 we can arrange collection)

Everyone welcome especially new people to the village.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Great Horwood Village Hall

Friday 30th September 10am - 12.30pm

Georgina and Colin Pacitti

EARNEST ON THE PECE

Dear Villagers, Firstly a big "Sorry" that the production of 'Earnest on the Pece' was cancelled last month. Action was taken by the ETC Board based on the online ticket sales on 27th July. Unfortunately, I was not consulted so could not verify how strong the interest actually was. So, a "Big Thank you" to all who expressed support for the event and those who did buy their tickets. I am trying to arrange another date in October, cast, weather and circumstances permitting. As soon as I can set the date, I will let you all know. Thank you for your support.

Steve (Chair, GH&SRT)

VILLAGE HALL

I am pleased to say that we are continuing to receive enquiries from a range of people and our regular hirers include Yoga, Pilates, regular worship groups, puppy training and of course our band, coffee mornings and village meeting groups.

I am pleased to welcome our new Caretaker, Julie to the team and she has already made a significant difference with some subtle decorations and enhancements to the Village Hall!

Ian Lamberton

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FETE & DOG SHOW

A huge thank you to all the organisers, helpers and sponsors for another fantastic Fete & Dog Show back in July.

£3400 raised towards the Church roof.

WINSLOW AND DISTRICT ART SOCIETY

Meetings are now resuming after a summer break. They are held in Winslow every Thursday morning and in Padbury every Tuesday morning. Anyone over the age of 16 with an interest in visual arts is eligible to become a member subject to a small subscription. We are a friendly, helpful group and anyone interested in becoming a member can find more details on our website www.winslowart.org.uk

Demonstrations in a range of media are normally held at the Winslow Bowls Club on the last Thursday of each month. Entry is from 7.00 for a 7.30 start. In September we welcome back Peter Keegan who will be mentoring members' work. These are enjoyable and informative evenings and last about two hours with a break for coffee and biscuits. Non members are welcome to attend and entry will cost £5.00.

For more about us please look at our website or contact

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SEPTEMBER 2022

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from Winslow, through Gt Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley and Swanbourne, arriving in Aylesbury just after 10am and departing at 12.15pm. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.

Winslow Market Service 54abc runs every Wednesday morning

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return

Buckingham Bus Service Tuesday 6th September

Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return

Westcroft Shopping Thursday 8th and 22nd September

Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Eastbourne Sunday 11th September

A trip to the seaside £20

Leighton Buzzard Tuesday 20th September

Visit the old town for the market , enjoy shopping and lunch. £6.00 travel

Asda Tuesday 27th September

Bus passes are not accepted on this trip and will cost £5.00

Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages

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GARDENING TIMES

When September rolls around, sadness that summer is over mixes with happiness that life can slow down just a bit—even for a month—as my kids return to school and before my thoughts turn to Advent and Christmas. Out in the garden, plants heave a sigh of relief from summer's intense sun (especially this year) and visibly show signs of wear and tear, letting us know that they need a little extra tending to right now and would love help transitioning into cooler, calmer temperatures. Your garden may also be in the throes of its last hurrah, producing ripe edibles or pretty petals, but secretly eager to down-shift and get ready to be put to bed in the upcoming months. When I worked as a gardener, I used to love this time of year, the colours change, and the light softens, making things look even more beautiful than they were before.

Now is the time to be saving some seed for next year. If anything was particularly beautiful, then save some for 2023, especially if you have something that is unusual. Seed production is a multi-billion pound industry and it is one that we all take for granted, if we want something in our garden, we go out and buy seeds (I counted 6 packets of coriander that I have in my seed shoe box), each of those seed packets cost £2.50, even with my terrible maths I know that is £15 worth of seeds that I could quite easily have saved just by leaving my plants to go to seed.

Saving seed helps with all sorts of things, food diversity, growing what you want as opposed to what is available. It helps wildlife, some animals may help themselves to some of your seed and that is OK, a more diverse garden helps a wider array of wildlife and a healthy ecosystem is crucial to all living things. The U.S. Wildlife service estimated that losing one plant species can trigger the loss of up to 30 species of other insect, plant and animal species. You can save the seeds of a wide variety of plants in your gardens, anything that is an annual will produce plenty of seeds, I have grown tomatoes year after year from collecting a tomato and letting it over-ripen, then scooping the seeds out, washing them and drying them, ready for the next year. Sunflower, Echinacea, Poppy, primroses, celery, cucumber, runner bean, pumpkin, peas, chilli, basil, nasturtium, spinach (leave one plant that has bolted and you may get some delicious greens this year), corncockles are all incredibly easy to seed save. If you have too many, you can always give some away. Seed saving isn't just about saving money, anticipation and pleasure encapsulate the essence of doing it. Seeds are the source of life, it is resurrection writ large, filled with hope and dreams and that in itself is reason to do it. Just make sure that you label your envelopes!

Jobs to do in September

Scatter windfall fruit around the garden as food for wildlife. Plums are a favourite of butterflies - they adore the sugary juice.

Don't cut back perennials too hard in the autumn 'clear up'. Hollow stems, tussocky plants and piles of leaves swept under a hedge make perfect overwintering sites for a huge number of beneficial creatures

Rev'd Mark

GREAT HORWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB 2021/22 AGM, 6TH JULY 2022 AT 7PM

The Ravens 2020-21 Season.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, madam President and welcome to this years AGM.

Thank you Sid for arranging tonight and our thanks to the Cricket Club for the use of their Clubhouse.

I'm delighted to report that after a couple of disrupted Covid related years, we finally had a full season and what a positive season it turned out to be. I will briefly run through activity both on and off the pitch, before handing over to Steve, who will take us through the very important financials.

Focussing on last season's team performance's and specifically the Junior section, the following updates come from the respective age group Managers.

U17's Ian Griffin

"After a difficult protracted 'post lock down' end to the 2020/21 season, the coaches and managers decided to remain with Saturday AM football, however in a NEW league!

The U17's joined the Bedford League, transferring from the MKDDL (Who currently play on Sunday, this clashes with local Rugby).

The Bedford league has both U17's & U18's teams - Our division mostly of the latter.

This resulted in a seriously tough season in terms of results, injuries and moral. To enable us to turn this around, we decided to cut the season short by two games and concentrate on friendlies and training.

The lads have reacted well to this, improved and as a result after a Spring/Summer of positive training sessions and recruitment we have made the decision to re-join the MKDDL, with a view to bouncing back and finding our form from the "Pre-covid" days.

Next, **Martyn Waggott, the U15s Manager** says "we had a mixed season but the highlight would be beating the local enemy (Moretonville) both home and away. Recruitment for next season looks very promising so expecting a really good season at U16s.

U9's Darren Sirett (Sid)

First season for this team with a difficult start as other teams had been playing together for a few seasons. Also with over 60% of the team being U8's and playing up a year. But the team started to come together at the turn of the year and recorded some great wins in the second half of the season. We'll done to Frazer and the boys.

U8's Darren Sirett (Sid)

Again another new team with 3 U7's mixed in with the U8's. A few defeats early in the season never dampened their spirits and a first win would come in December followed by 3 more victories. All players gave 100% at all times and have been a credit to the club and themselves.

Further good news is that Sid and Jack continue to work at recruiting more youth teams and it looks





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like we may have a new U8's next season. This is very encouraging, as we look to rebuild and grow our junior section of the Club. If you are new to the village or surrounding area and would like your child to play village football; do get in touch.

Within the senior section of the Club, I'm delighted to report that, the First Team defended and retained the North Bucks Premiership Title after Playing 20 matches, of which they Won 16, Drew 1 and Lost only 3 games all season. Total points achieved 49, 8 points clear of the runners up AFC Towcester and 10 points clear of 3rd place MK Irish Athletic. The Goal Difference was also significant at +15 over Towcester.

Mark Broom, who managed the team last season said, "It was a very slow start to the season with us losing 3 out of the first 4 games. Once October hit, we started to find our form and went on a really good run. We were unbeaten at home all season in the league, which is a huge achievement. The home form was the base for us retaining the league and our main goal at the start of the season.

Reaching the quarter final of the county and the final of the league cup just showed how competitive we are.

There are certain people I would like to say thanks to: Darren and Jack for all their help on a Saturday. They are always there when I need a hand on the sidelines and they also make the pitch look amazing and a great surface to play on. I'd also like to say thanks to Derek and Sylvia for cleaning up the changing rooms after us at the weekend. Also thanks to everyone who came down to support us- myself and the lads really appreciate it".

Reserve Team 2021-22

Played 20, won 4, drew 4, lost 12 = 9th place in North Bucks Div 1

Sid quoted: "a difficult season at the start with no permanent manager. But things turned around with Ian 'Chippy' Smith taking the reins assisted by Dylan and Connor Bingham. The team grew through the season and finished strongly to stay away from any threat of relegation. Some new and young players came into the team and all played their part with a great team spirit".

I would concur 100% with Sid's observations.

I watched this team play a number of matches this season and their end of season league position does not do the players justice. A combination of regular team players being selected for the Firsts and non availability of players, would be the two main reasons for finishing 9th. When the whole squad is available on match day, this team can play some very exciting, entertaining football.

Vets summary

A slow start to the 2021/22 season from the Veterans, we struggled initially with player availability and injuries. We had one stand out result in the first half of the season, with a 1-0 win in Extra Time in the cup, over a Premier Division Team.

In the second half of the season, we started to get

players back from injury and fielded a consistent team. We made significant improvements in our performances on the pitch, although results didn't reflect it. We did however towards the end of the season, pick up the points that reflected the performance with our most significant result of our league season being a 6-1 home win. We finished the season in 10th out of 11 with 9 points, 2 wins and 3 draws.

We already have 18 players confirmed to play for the 2022/23 season but are always open to new additions. We need some 'young blood'.....!

Finally, the Club was recognised by the League, for it's culture and approach to the game, with the presentation to Great Horwood Football Club, of the North Bucks Most Sporting Club Award. See picture Page10.

Now onto other matters.

As a result of Covid, all fund raising events were missed last year and this has impacted our finances. I hope that we will be able to re schedule the Race Night and Junior Tournament in-the future. Having said that, we are fortunate enough (through good forward planning)'s to be in a solid financial position as Steve will report on later. By being creative, we have managed to generate some additional funds this year, by letting out one of the pitches on a regular basis, which we are looking to do again next season. We were also successful in obtaining a couple of grants which have been invested into the ongoing maintenance of the pitches, new senior goal's, new double glazing throughout the clubhouse and a Worthy Cause payment from the Parish Council, which was invested into kit for the U8's youth team.

As we speak, I am in the process of finalising and printing c20 Sponsorship Banners that will be displayed at the club in time for the start of the 2022-23 season and am delighted to confirm that both senior teams have new kit sponsors, so many thanks to Phoenixme and Taylored Kitchens and to all our sponsors.

Moving onto non financial matters.

We continue to benefit from a small but dedicated team of volunteers, who carry out the vital behind the scenes work of attending committee meetings, cleaning the clubhouse, general maintenance and grass cutting...without whom, the Club would not be able to operate. My sincere thanks to all those individuals, but a special mention this year to Jack Trundell, who is following in the footsteps of his role model (Darren 'Sid' Sirett) and apart from playing for the reserves and coaching the junior section, is now a key member of the club management team and deservedly won the Clubman of the year award at the recent seniors, end of season awards presentation.

Whilst mentioning Jack, he is planning a 'Job's Day' at the Club...sometime this month, in order to paint the clubhouse, replace old goal posts with new and various other tasks. Please support him, invest a few hours and bring other players/friends with you.

In conclusion, without a great team mix both on the

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pitch and behind the scenes, with huge committee support from various individuals, this Club would not exist. But we do and we will continue to deliver great results, based upon tight financial control's and a culture of respect and enjoyment for all. Every season we hear of clubs which have folded due to a number of reasons. But as your Chairman, I and the Executive Committee, will strive to ensure this Club continues to operate on a sound financial basis, is all encompassing, successful and that we continue to deliver, a great Club experience.

Thank you.

Vyv Rudd

Chairman Gt Horwood FC, July 6th 2022

GREATHORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH WI

Welcome from Great Horwood & Singleborough WI
What an unexpected, lengthy heatwave we've experienced in our village this summer. Despite this we are delighted that so many events were able to continue.

Great Horwood & Singleborough WI were delighted to support the village fete at the beginning of July. Thanks to a sell-out on our Tombola stall we were able to make a well-deserved contribution to the church roof appeal. Thank you to everyone who took part, and good to see that funds needed, through years of fundraising by the community, have been achieved and repairs on the roof have now started.

In July, WI members enjoyed a trip to Delapre Abbey and Gardens with a private tour of the abbey explaining its history and afterwards a cream tea. The committee is now planning a canal trip for September. Other events will be announced soon including some bespoke craft events for the Autumn.

Our July meeting was a great success with members bringing tinned food donations for the Milton Keynes food bank. There was also our popular fresh produce stall donated by green-fingered members for other members to share.



Our guest speaker, Gill Hammond (pictured above), a Nurse Practitioner and Diabetes specialist, highlighted the facts and dispelled the myths about this debilitating and potentially deadly disease. Gill

said that a staggering 10% of the population suffer from some form of diabetes. It was a fascinating and informative presentation and as well as giving an overview on what causes diabetes, the symptoms to look out for and the complications it can cause if left untreated, Gill also talked about how diet and exercise play an important role in preventing and controlling the disease. Gill also prepared a food quiz which showed how some seemingly healthy food and drinks can be a contributory factor. Afterwards, Gill offered to measure the blood sugar level of any attendees and a long queue formed eager to know if they were at risk or within the insulin tolerances.

In August we enjoyed our annual picnic in the glorious garden of one of our members. In September we look forward to a presentation from guest speaker Ian Scott-Hunter who will be sharing 'Memoirs from a Royal Footman'.

If you are thinking of joining your local WI and would like to come to any of our meetings and meet our friendly group, for more details please contact: *Ann Biggins annieqqmk@gmail.com 07961 960802.*

MEN IN SHEDS

Readers may know that Winslow is just one example of over 600 Men's Sheds now established in the UK and the number is growing. As a 'movement' its all getting very well organised too with local networks, a National Association and, last month; 'Shed Fest' in Worcester - a sort of trade show, awards event and celebration for Shedders everywhere. We have tended to remain a bit more parochial in Winslow but the opportunities are there and we do recognise there's benefit to be had from comparing notes with like-minded individuals. To this end we have offered to host the next regional meeting of Shedders.

One thing we're pretty certain about is that the projects we take on will prove eye-opening to visiting Shedders - we are quite unusual (and extremely



fortunate) in having such spacious accommodation. The benches currently in Tomkins Park, the playden now in Winslow School (pictured) and the restoration of 'Pippa' (now bobbing about on Caldecotte Lake) are just three examples of larger projects that space has allowed us to get involved with.

Having plenty of space has other benefits too. Call it head-space, breathing space or personal space but it all helps contribute to the remarkably relaxed and friendly atmosphere we enjoy here. Hope to see you soon!

Hope to see you soon.

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GREAT HORWOOD SCOUT GROUP



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- Week 3 Get a little more involved
- Week 4 You'll know if Scouting is for you



WELL DONE

to the following for wearing their Scarfs on International Scarf Day (1st August)

- Ben Wooten in Lanzarote Swimming Pool (pictured)
- Phoenix Harris while working on the Farm
- Esther Thien while visiting Friends in Wimbledon (pictured)

WELL DONE to all those Beavers, Cubs and Scouts that were awarded Badges at the end of the last term

Emma Laird (Raksha) has now stepped back from Cubs to concentrate on her day job and has handed

over the reins to Anna (Tabaqui) and Richard (Baloo) Thank you Emma for all your support and hope to see you back soon!

The Group supported the Village Fete and Dog Show and then the following week supported Nash Village Fete in July (see pictures below left)

GREAT HORWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB



Retained North Bucks Premier League title



Darren (Sid) Sirett Vyv Rudd Steve Yardley
Secretary Chairman Treasurer
With the North Bucks Most Sporting Club Award.



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Great Horwood Parish Council



Great Horwood Parish Council has a vacancy due to the resignation of Cllr. Laird and we would very much like to hear from any resident willing to become a co-opted member of the Council. If you care about our community, like meeting people and have some time and energy, you might be the person we need to fulfil this very important role.

Councillors represent the interests of the whole community and can contribute towards a wide variety of topics. Over the years, the Parish Council has devised a Neighbourhood Plan, commented on many planning applications, contributed to the management of Horwode Pece and the Village Hall and overseen the recent housing developments in the village.

Parish Council meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of every month except for January and August.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk on the details below. An informal chat can be arranged with a Councillor to find out more.

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WELCOME TO GREAT HORWOOD



All residents of Cherry Leas, Liden Way and the new houses in Little Horwood Road have been supplied with Welcome Packs. We hope you enjoyed reading them and found the information useful, and are settling into our lovely village community.

Would any new residents we are not yet aware of, like to receive a Welcome Pack? We wouldn't want to leave anyone out. It has recently been updated and includes information on village organisations, the School, Church and the local area. Please contact John Gilbey by email on johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com

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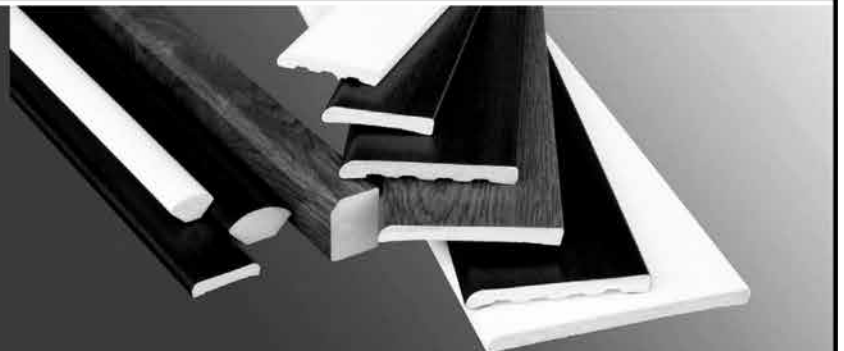
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