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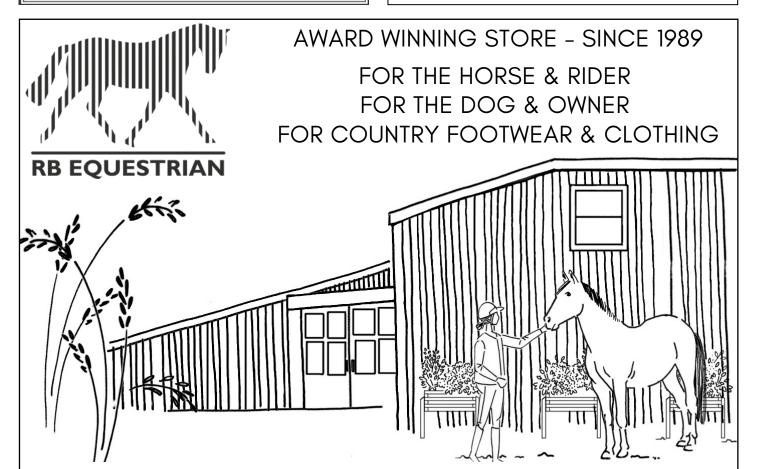
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JUNE

1st Holy Communion - traditional communion service with hymns - lasting 1 hour

8th Pentecost - Holy Communion - as above

15th Come & Praise - more informal worship with live instrumental music - 45 minutes.

22nd All Age Communion - a more informal communion service

29th Holy Communion - as above

CHURCH KEY: Neil and Tracy Taylor Tel: 712231

THOUGHTS FROM A LUCKY ONE

Having just read the May 2025 Focus, I admire and wish the cyclists well on their enormous commitment to ride from Zagen to Luckenwalde. 289Km Reverend Steve mentioned those who returned home after the war. Many never spoke of their experiences, but returned to pick up their home lives again. As an evacuee I never knew my parents until the war was ended at 7 years old. My memory is like a number of others who were lucky enough to still have two parents when the war was over.

THE STRANGER

He was a stranger, he stood at the door In dull khaki uniform, home from the war. He said-"We're so lucky-we're all still alive Together again-back in late '45 He was a stranger- off out in great haste In smart dark grey suit, in his hand his brief case. He said "we're so lucky-I've still got a job The working day's long- but it keeps our feet shod." This stranger worked hard for the whole of his life Thinking not of himself, but his kids and his wife. He said "I'm so lucky-life 's not been that bad" -Who was he this stranger?- His first name was Dad Eileen Hadlow

Church News

Church Flagpole

We would like to apologise for the fact that we were unable to fly the flag at half-mast following the death of Pope Francis, or at full mast for VE day more recently. The lanyard on the flagpole is no more, we have plans to reinstate it as soon as possible.

Lighting up the tower

Pat Berry sponsored the lighting of the Church tower during VE week.

APCM

This meeting due to be held on the 20th of May in the Village Hall has regrettably had to be postponed.

A new date will be announced soon.

GREAT HORWOOD AND SINGLEBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

The Hall continues to play host to a range of activities including an 18th Birthday Party

Business workshops and of course on Election Day!

A new Pilates class is planning to start on a regular basis and our rates remain very competitive particularly for village residents and regular bookers. All booking enquiries to lan Lamberton on 07973 225428 or 01296 715968 and

ianlamberton@aol.com

Focus is your voice to whole of Great Horwood and Singleborough.

Let everyone know what's happening at your club, society or event - even people not on social media! editor@ghfocus.com

Deadline for articles and adverts for next issue is Sunday 15th June

Focus June 2025



Great Horwood and Singleborough WI presents a

CHARITY FASHION SHOW

at Great Horwood Village Hall on Tuesday 24th June 2025 Show starts at 7:30pm (doors open 7.00 pm)

Tickets £7.00 includes a glass of Prosecco or soft drink To purchase your tickets please email: ghorwoodandswi@gmail.com

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Rectors Thoughts

As I write this piece for June's issue of Focus, I am sitting in the Hayes Conference Centre in Derbyshire at the Diocese of Oxford Clergy Conference listening to the worship taking place in the room next door. It has been a busy three days with much to think about from the excellent series of talks given by Bishop Steven on the theme: chosen, called, and commissioned; based on three conversion stories from the Book of Acts: the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch, the African treasurer of the Ethiopian Queen's court who went to Jerusalem to worship God and is now on his way home when he meets Philip, who explains to him the meaning of the passage from Isaiah he is reading in his chariot, and baptises him there and then on the basis of the faith he expresses.

The second is the conversion of Saul, who has been persecuting Christians before meeting the risen Christ who asks "why have you been persecuting me?" on the road to Damascus, and whose life and name (from Saul to Paul) is changed forever; and finally, the conversion of Cornelius, a Roman officer and an occupier and oppressor of all God's people in the Holy Land who nevertheless, wants to know more about this person Jesus, whom his superiors crucified, yet refused to stay dead!

Each of these stories focus on an unlikely candidate for "sainthood" - for that is what it means to be a Christian. It just means being set apart or made holy (or forgiven); not by any act or virtue of our own, but purely by God's grace to live life anew in all its fulness, spiritually as well as physically.

A black non-Jew of indeterminate sexuality who would have been refused entry to the very Temple he has come to worship God in on the basis of his non-Jewish background, his colour and ethnicity, and being a Eunuch - someone regarded as neither male nor female - and even worse; debases himself by working for a female ruler in a man's world, unheard of in most countries at the time!

He would have been rejected by the Temple authorities, the "Church" of his day, in spite of being an important dignitary from a foreign land, yet still seeks the living God in the scriptures he has evidently obtained there, when God meets him in the person of Philip on the deserted Gaza road and welcomes him as one of his own.

A Jewish rabbi intent on arresting and killing as many leaders of the growing Christian community (both male and female!) to stop stories of his resurrection spreading, and who held the cloaks of those who stoned the first Christian martyr Stephen to death as he prayed to God to forgive those who were killing him. Someone who hated the early Christians so much he wanted them dead, and in so doing, was persecuting the very one they worshipped... the one who identified with them in their suffering as if it were his own.

And a Roman soldier who had doubtless killed many men and women in the duration of his military career, and was otherwise just as likely to arrest Peter and send him for trial as to ask him to explain the Good News of Jesus to him. A despised Gentile whom Peter, a devout adherent of Judaism still though also a follower of Jesus, would rather not have spoken to, let alone enter his house.

Each of these people were in some way unlikely candidates for conversion. Not only in their own eyes, but in the eyes of each of those called to minister to them: Philip, Ananias, and Peter; for whom the experience was just as much a conversion experience as their fears and prejudices about race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, religion, and social standing or occupation were each challenged in turn, with God finally saying to Peter, "do not call unclean that which God has made clean".

June is traditionally "Pride month" for the LGTBQI+ community, but it is much more than that. It is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our own deeply ingrained personal prejudices and hatreds. It might be our dislike of having noisy children in Church, or travellers, or teenagers roaming the streets because they have little else to do in the evenings. It might be people who do not look like, or worship like us. It might be those with no faith, or those who have one. But in each case, God's answer is the same. "Do not call unclean that which I have made clean!" - for we are all chosen, called, and commissioned by God to do something special with our lives - whether we know it or not, in as myriad different ways as there are people on this planet!

Reverend Steve





Vacancy for a Call Handler – Work from Home

The National Careline is a small, not-for-profit business that runs a freephone helpline and a website. It provides an information hub of charities, products and services that support older people or those caring for an older person.

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Most of the information and support we provide can be found on our website - www.thenationalcareline.org

We offer a competitive local salary and a mobile phone will be provided. You will need to provide your own device for access to the internet.

Please send your application to office@thenationalcareline.org.

We very much look forward to hearing from you!

GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Useful contact details

Members of the Parish Council:

Please note that councillors now have a dedicated Parish Council email address. This is in order to comply with UK Data Protection Regulations 2018. From 1 January 2021 this is now referred to as the UK GDPR. It is good policy to keep council emails separate from private emails.



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THE SUMMER FETE RAFFLE

You will have to wait until 5th July for the event-filled Saturday which is the Great Horwood and Singleborough Summer Fete and Dog Show!

The good news is that you can buy your raffle tickets from today! A book of 5 £1 tickets will hopefully have fallen out of your Focus. This will allow you to buy early and buy again! Being in this raffle has brought many villagers great prizes with over 10 prizes each year worth over £50 and some reaching a value into the £100's.

Even if you don't win you have still done a good deed, as 100% of the proceeds are divided between local charities/organisations and our church.

Buying a ticket is easy; put your name and telephone number on the stub then take them with your money to: The Swan, or 17 The Close or 22 Greenway. If you want any more tickets, please ask and we will get them to you. Remember, don't bother selling to your neighbours – they've already got a book. So its friends, relatives and colleagues! Just as in the past, you will have the pleasure of a door-to-door visit, reminding you and promoting all aspects of this special day for the village. Bottles for the Bottle Tombola, cakes for the cakes stall and crockery to be smashed by the children. But that's not all! This door-to-door visit will also enable you to buy raffle tickets in case you want more or have lost them already!

As always, any help you can offer with set up, take down or manning a stall, please get in touch via Facebook.

Don't wait for the knock on the door - buy now and buy again!!

GREAT HORWOOD & SINGLEBOROUGH WI

His Majesty Henry VIII (portrayed by actor Tony Harris) graced Great Horwood recently for an evening of entertainment at the Village Hall, attended by WI members from Great Horwood, Padbury, Winslow, Stewkley, Thornborough and Thornton. The Tudor King gave a frank, funny and enthralling talk about his six wives and his power as a King overruling Parliament. It was a very interesting and entertaining evening.



Henry VIII with Ann Pritchard, President of Stewkley WI (left) and Ann Biggins, President of Great Horwood & Singleborough WI.

Our May meeting, as part of the "Magistrates in the Community" programme, was an interactive "Mock Trial" whereby WI members took on the roles of Prosecutor, Legal Advisor, Defence Solicitor, etc as would happen in a real Magistrates Court. Members who acted the parts really got into their roles to make it an entertaining and informative evening showing how the judicial system operates and its complexity in sentencing. Thank you to Alistair Borland JP, for your time in preparing the Mock Trial and overseeing proceedings on the night.

We've lots more events to come this summer including a Fashion Show on Tuesday, 24th June, in the Village Hall, which is open to non-WI members too. Tickets cost £7 which includes a glass of Prosecco or a soft drink. Profits will be divided between the Medical Detection Dogs and Great Horwood Primary School. Doors open at 7pm and the fashion show starts at 7.30pm.

The fabulous clothes and accessories on the catwalk, supplied by Jackie's Mobile Boutique, will be available to buy on the night. There are also some super raffle prizes to win including a mid-week Spa Day for two at Horwood House Hotel and a half-day jewellery making workshop at Corzo and Wood. To book ticket(s), email ghorwoodandswi@gmail.com.

In July we have an outing to the gorgeous Rousham Gardens and a lunch at a nearby restaurant. More trips and events are planned for later in the year. Great Horwood & Singleborough WI will also be running their popular tombola stall at the Village Fete on Saturday, 5th July.

Great Horwood & Singleborough WI meet every second Tuesday each month in the Village Hall, with doors opening at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. If you'd like to join our friendly group or would like more information, please contact Ann Biggins at ghorwoodandswi@gmail.com.

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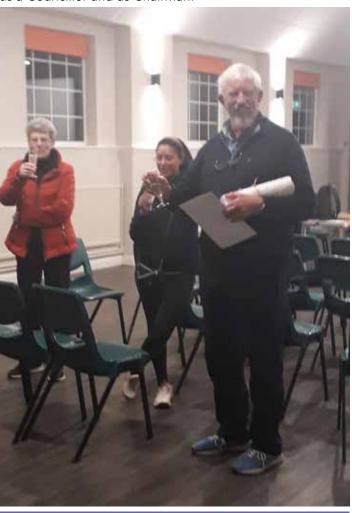
ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR GREAT HORWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

JOHN GILBEY – CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

After many years of service to this community **Great Horwood** Councillor John Gilbey decided not to apply for re-**Parish Council** election at the recent Parish Council Elections and to retire from the role of Chairman of Great Horwood Parish Council.

His last full Council meeting was on the 14th April 2025 and after that meeting a celebration of thanks for his years of service to Great Horwood Parish Council took place.

Thank you to John Gilbey for all the hard work he has put into this Parish in the many years that he was in office both as a Councillor and as Chairman.



WELCOME PACK

If you are new to the village and have not yet received a Welcome pack, please email ClIr Gilbey with your address and one will be delivered to you

johnwgilbeypc@gmail.com

Focus Online

Did you know that there is an online edition of Focus with every copy from February 2012?

So, if you have mislaid your copy and can't find the information you need, just log onto

https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/focus-magazine/



After many years of service to this community Great Horwood Grants. Thank you for all that came to the meeting.

April 2025 in the village hall and was well attended



Dog Waste

Another reminder that if you are taking your dog(s) for a walk in the village please remember to pick up after them. With the warmer weather on its way more people will be out and about in the various green spaces in the village please remember to pick up as you go.

Thank you.

FIX MY STREET

Just a reminder to everyone that "FixMyStreet" is an online facility where anyone can make a public report for things like graffiti, fly tipping, broken pavings slabs, and potholes that they see in the Village. This information gets passed to Buckinghamshire Council for them to action.

The website address is https://www.fixmystreet.com

Information Sharing Group

This is a good way of communicating useful information to villagers. If you would like to receive information first hand, such as Thames Valley Police info, roadworks updates and other ad hoc information, please contact the Clerk on clerk@greathorwoodpc.org.uk if you are interested and you can be added to the email group.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say – please feel free to attend. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Parish Council website and the noticeboard in the High Street.

Minutes of meetings can be found on the noticeboard and the Parish Council website.

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LITTER PICK



The annual Litter Pick took place on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 11am. There was a good turn out of people on what was a very warm morning. Over 10 bags of rubbish were collected from the paths/roads/verges around the village.

After event refreshments were provided for the pickers by The Swan - it was very much appreciated - the lemon cake was amazing thank you.

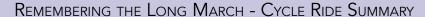
A heartfelt thank you for all those who took the time to be involved in this parish event.













Day 1

Well day 1 has been one full of surprises. The day started grey, windy and pretty cold, very different from the small number of recent training rides we have attempted recently! A short ride from the hotel and muster point to the Museum at Zagan. We laid a wreath as the memorial to all POWs in all camps that had died.

A short ride down the road to llowa for a stop at the school and Church where many of the POWs were "billeted". Over 2,000 American POWs had a night's cover in this church.

We then travelled to Lipno to the barns where our father's found shelter. This was a particularly emotional visit for me as I have not been to this site before. The new owners (2018) are looking to restore all the buildings in the complex and the forest area of some 4 hectares, at some point, It may take 20 years and considerable skill in building and raising

the required finances! We will certainly be looking to support them in the future and hope that they make it a fixture for the local recollection of the support POWs had on The Long March.

The next stop on day one's route and a long part of the second half of the day was along a cycle path that followed the river for many miles. The scenery was lovely, the weather had brightened. It was a challenge for us all to consider how different it must have been for the thousands of POWs trudging through thick snow, in inappropriate clothing at temperatures of up to -25 degrees centigrade!

Day 2

We went to the stables at Furst-Puckler-Park Bad Muskau which is a beautiful castle and gardens in Bad Muskau, close to where we stayed the first night. The stables were where many thousands of POWs were billeted during their march. The buildings have been extensively renovated and are extremely impressive.

However one can imagine them as working stables full of horses and the POWs having to share with them the space. At least it must have been warmer than being outside. The locals were proud to explain how their relatives gave extra food and rations to the POWs as they were wanting to help. Our next stop was Spremberg railway station which is where our fathers, along with thousands of other POWs before and after, were transported by cattle trucks further west to Lukenwalde. This was such an unpleasant experience that many said later they would have preferred to walk, despite the conditions and lack of guaranteed shelter. The main reasons for this were: they were made to stand as there were so many forced into each cattle truck, so no one could sit down. There were no facilities and little fresh air, once doors were closed and locked and they were sitting ducks as slow moving trains were easy pickings for allied air attacks on German "freight" movements.



Day 3

Day three was another beautiful day, if a little windy and chilly to start with. The roads and cycle paths continue to impress us I have to admit the cobbles in small sections of the roads in towns reassure me that narrow road tyres and "conkers" go well together! Apart from these few sections the riding was good and through tremendous scenery. It hit many of us that to attempt to walk in freezing conditions with little proper clothing and footwear day after day with the prospect of having to sleep in fields or bombed out buildings and little to no food, was something we were not experiencing! It brings it back all the more starkly, the conditions that the 80,000 POWs and their captures had to endure. That along with the friendly fire strafing that occurred,



due to the allied forces (mostly Americans) seeing columns of "soldiers", must have made their daily progress that much slower and more frightening. We arrived in Luckenwalde, which was the delivery point for many from the Stremburg railway station. A large camp had been created and many POWs who were sent to the Berlin area were placed here. We visited the museum and had a private tour of the Stalag Luft Illa camp room and a brief outline of the museum as a whole, which was fascinating. We then rode to the cemetery to visit those who had fallen at the camp. Many were Russians and Polish.

Day 4

The last day of our ride started with sunshine again and clear blue skies. We have been so fortunate with the weather the whole trip. A little fresh early morning, however we have all preferred this to a roasting heat that would have had us drinking far more water and therefore stopping more regularly. Our route was expected to be around 60kms to Berlin and took us through some beautiful open countryside which was heavily cultivated, woods, and close to streams and lakes. One can imagine these being very different scenes 80 years ago in the harshest of winters across



Europe since 1895! Stuart and I caused a couple of unplanned stops and delays for the "peloton" as we had been asked for further updates from CWR radio (Coventry Warwickshire) and Radio 5 Live. As one of the main aims of the ride has been to raise awareness of the Long March we didn't turn these down and standing by the roadside attempted to provide the requisite responses and information asked for by the presenters.

The arrival into Berlin was defined by the rapid cessation of agriculture and the rise of suburbs in its place. With good navigation we made our way between the increasingly heavy traffic to the Neue Wache memorial, a short walk/ride from the Brandenburg Gate and imposing government structures. We had a refreshing drink with the Bishop of Coventry who was in Berlin on official business between the two towns and managed to make time to join us and have photographs with us as we laid our wreath in the Neue Wache. A very fitting end to our journey and one whose support has helped us raise the profile of The Long March and almost raise the £10,000 target we had set at the outset.

We are going to keep the Give Wheel page open for a few months, as we have at least three schools who have expressed interest, but due to timing have not managed to arrange how they wish to become engaged. Since the younger generations are one of the key areas of interest to become involved and more aware of the events that have led to our current privileges we wish to find ways to make this happen.

A personal thanks from me for all the generous donations from the village - Roger

Total distance 309.3 kms in total



FRIENDS OF 3W HEALTH WHITCHURCH, WING AND WINSLOW

Friends of 3W Health hold occasional fundraising events, and on Saturday 7 June a few of our team will be donning their pinnies to sell coffee and cake. We'd love you to drop in if you're passing.

Friends is a registered charity established to support the 3W Health GP practice across the 3Ws of Winslow,

Whitchurch and Wing.

Our committee is a mix of registered patients and practice staff, and it is our responsibility to ensure the best use of received donations in order to improve equipment and facilities across the three sites. Fancy joining us? More information from Christine Dodds on

079 234 75291 or email us on friendsof3whealth@aol.com.

MEN IN SHEDS

Early summer is often our quietest time at the Shed and, for those of us lucky enough to be retired, the perfect time to get away before schools break up and the 'tourist season' kicks off in earnest. It's also a favourite time to get out in the garden and this brings a steady stream of garden tools and furniture for us to repair or sharpen. Bringing a pair of old shears back to life is a rewarding task that usually makes them a joy to use once again.

We are frequently offered old woodwork tools for our workshops but, to be brutally honest, we will struggle to make good use of any more chisels, planes or saws. What we can always restore and find a new home for are garden tools. If we assume that every household -even with just a patch of garden - will need a few basic garden tools then that's a lot of spades and forks. We all know that refurbishing and re-using is something we need to do more of but (and here's a trade secret) these old tools are usually far superior to their modern off-the-shelf counterparts. And how do we know this? Old tools are usually made from harder, high quality steel and they take a lot more effort to sharpen – but it's well worth it. Do get in touch if you're clearing out a garden shed and have tools to spare - or if you know someone who needs them?

As summer approaches, we are looking forward to Granborough's Charter Fayre on 21st June where we'll be manning our stall with all sorts of shed-made goodies for sale and don't forget The Winslow Show on August 25th. Production is well under way so it looks like we have a busy summer ahead.

If you have time to spare or your garden tools need refreshing then why not pop-in - the kettle is always on.

The Shed is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 4:00 Unit 4, Station Road Ind. Estate. www.MenInShedsWinslow.org.uk Or for more info call or message Tim Elderton 07746 194163 Page 12 Focus June 2025



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Winslow Community Bus

June 2025



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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 – 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.

Tuesday 3rd June

Tuesday 1st July

Tuesday 5th August

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

Thursday 12th & 26th June

Thursday 10th & 24th July

Thursday 14th &28th August

Asda -- travel £5

Bus passes are not accepted on this trip and will cost £5.00. Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. Asda Shopping with the option to drop at Stadium MK1 for M&S, Primark, Next and more.

Drop off at Westcroft on request.

Monday 23rd June

Monday 28th July

Thame - Tuesday 24th June - Travel £8

Thame is a historic market town in the heart of Oxfordshire. Market day as well as a great choice of High Street Shops, cafe, Pub & Restaurants.

Eastbourne, Sunday 13th July – Travel £23 Day out to the seaside.

Please contact the WDCB Coordinator for more details.

Timetables can be found online www.winslowbus.com

On notice boards outside the Town Council offices, Winslow Library or calling the WDCB Co-Ordinator 07483 336440



Winslow & District Community Bus Needs Volunteer Drivers

The Winslow & District Community Bus relies on volunteer drivers to run all our services, excursions and hires.

We are always in need of volunteer drivers, especially at the moment! So, if you have a D1 on your licence, and have some spare time, please consider becoming a driver for your local Community Bus.

All of our scheduled routes start at around 9.00am and finish around 1.30pm. We pay out-of-pocket expenses.

We also run our own outings visiting all kinds of places, including garden centres, stately homes, shopping centres and countryside drives. The use of the bus is also available to local non-profit groups

We offer certificated training to MiDAS standard

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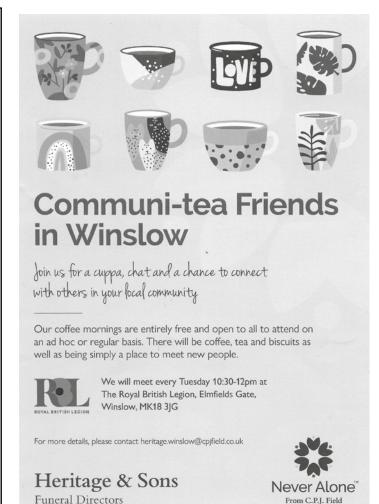
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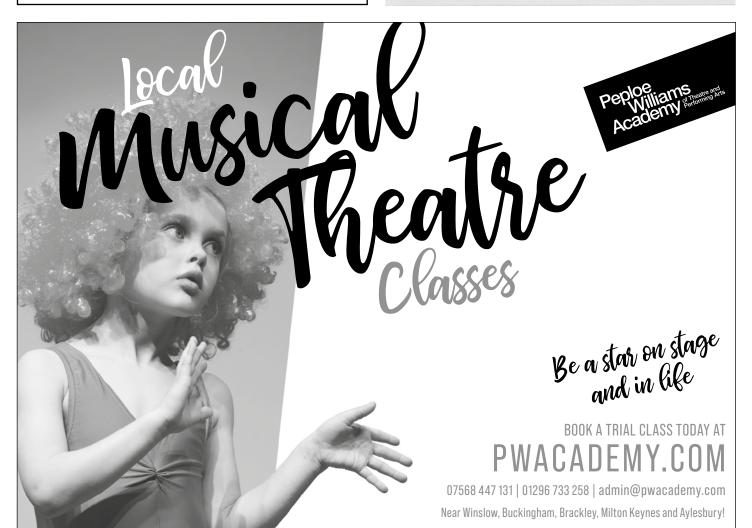
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