

D. Jack Smith Annual Gift to Great Horwood



D. Jack Smith is a lawyer from Memphis, Tennessee, USA, who acquired the Lordship of Great Horwood in 1997. Though the title is honorary and brings no official responsibilities, Jack has always been involved with the village. He has visited on several occasions and over the years provided financial help to many organisations in the village. In addition, for the each of the past three years he has donated \$5,000 (about £3,200) to good causes, and past beneficiaries have included the cricket and football clubs, village hall, Scouts and Guides, youth club, Silver Band, and Great Horwood School amongst many others.

This year marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and **Jack has decided to donate \$5,000 so that the residents of the village can commemorate the event in some style.** As you will hopefully be aware by now, we will be celebrate the occasion with a **huge village party on Bank Holiday Monday the 4th of June**, starting at 3pm and carrying on until late at night. There will be food, drink, music and lots of entertainment. All residents of Great Horwood and Singleborough are invited, and, thanks to Jack's generous donation, the event will be free to attend.



Jack and his wife will be attending the event and are looking forward to meeting as many residents as possible.

More details will follow in future editions of FOCUS but in the mean time, put the date in your diary now!

Dean White



Great Horwood
Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 2nd April 7.30pm – Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

Come along and hear what your Parish Council has been doing in the last 12 months and plans for the next year.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions please contact Karen before the meeting or just come along and have your say.

We will also have updates on:

- Plans for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 4th June
- “Great Horwood Past and Present” – the book for the village
- Great Horwood C of E Combined School

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St James' Services for March

			Sidesmen	Readers	Intercessor
4th Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	M Gilbey	I Lamberton	J Margerrison
11th Mar	10.30am	Come and Praise	S Hemphill	J Hemphill	D Brazier
13th Mar	2.00pm	Sunbeams	-	-	-
18th Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	N Weir	C Martin	M Gilbey
25th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion (1662)	-	-	-
25th Mar	10.30am	Service of the Word	I Lamberton	J Brigden	Clergy
1st Apr	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service	M Gilbey	J Margerrison	M Vincent

From the Rector, the Rev Belinda Searle-Barnes A JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Within the Benefice this year, we are offering the possibility of entering into a Pilgrimage during Holy Week which starts right at the beginning of April hence the need to put it in the March Parish news!

This Pilgrimage has three elements of journey within it.

- I. We are blessed in having three very beautiful churches within the Benefice, all very different and able to offer a variety of settings and atmosphere. So the events during the week take place in the three different churches of the Benefice, St Laurence, Winslow; St James', Great Horwood and St Mary the Virgin, Addington. This variety of venue enables people who live in one part of the Benefice to travel to the other two churches during the week to experience worship or a meditation in another place forming one aspect of the Pilgrimage.
- II. As you can see from the outline of the week there are a variety of events on offer, all contributing to the possibility of experiencing new understanding and spiritual refreshment. The week begins with the Palm Sunday Services where everyone receives a palm cross, and ends with the Easter Eucharist and the blessing of the Pascal Candle. The weekdays offer other aspects of the pilgrimage including the Stations of the Cross, a meditation, and the peaceful monastic service of Compline, all contributing to help us remember the key spiritual points of Holy Week.
- III. The third element is harder to describe as it relates to the spiritual journey of our soul that relates directly with life and death, new creation and eternity, together with reconciliation and healing. The Easter story brings us into close contact with the aspect of our life experience and how we relate to the possibility of entering through the gate of death from this world into a new creation with God. As we are challenged by the fact that we will all die and that we experience the death of our family and friends

Do come and participate in this Spiritual Pilgrimage by joining us for these very meaningful services and meditations specially devised for Holy Week within the Benefice. Each day offers a fresh insight into an aspect of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Easter Day.

Sunbeams

Please note that the Sunbeams Children's Service for March will take place on the second Tuesday in the month, being **13th March**. We meet in the Children's Corner at St James' Church at 2pm, for stories, songs and always make something to take home. All children under school age are welcome to attend with their parents/carers. For more details please contact Sue Brazier on 714712.

HOLY WEEK 2012

Palm Sunday 1st April

- *Holy Communion (BCP):* 8am, St Laurence
- *All Age Eucharist with the blessing of Palm Crosses:* 10am, St Laurence
- *Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Palm Crosses:* 10.30am, St James

Monday 2nd April: *Stations of the Cross:* 8pm, St James'

Tuesday 3rd April: *Meditation:* 8pm, St Laurence

Wednesday 4th April: *Compline:* 8pm, St Mary's

Maundy Thursday: *Sung Eucharist:* 7.30pm, St Laurence

Good Friday 6th April

- *"The Three Hours": Meditation with music, Psalms and prayer:* 12-2pm, St Laurence
- *The Liturgy of Good Friday:* 2-3pm, St Laurence
- *Easter Garden Project for all ages:* 12 - 1.30pm, St Laurence Room. Come and make an Easter Garden, materials provided.
- *Children's Workshop for Good Friday:* 10 - 12 noon, St James

Saturday 7th April: *Afternoon, All three churches are open for quiet private prayer*

Sunday Easter Day 8th April

- *Holy Communion (BCP):* 8am, St Laurence and St James
- *Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt:* 10am, St Laurence
- *Family Communion:* 10.30am, St James
- *Holy Communion BCP with Hymns:* 11.15am, St Mary's

Easter Lilies

As many of you will know, St James' is decorated at Eastertime with lilies which can be purchased in memory of a loved one. The cost this year is £2 per lily or £5 for three lilies. If you would like to do so, please complete the list at the back of the Church and give any monies to Sue Brazier at 17 The Close, or June Margerrison at 5 Wigwell Gardens. So that the lilies can be ordered in good time for Easter, please note that the closing date will be **Sunday 25th March**.



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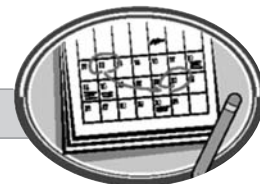
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Great Horwood Diary of Events 2012



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thu 1 Mar	12.00- 1.30pm	Lent Lunches start in St James Church
Sat 10 Mar	Evening	PTA Quiz Night
Fri 23 Mar	Evening	A presentation of Ernie Ridgway's slides in the Village Hall see advert Page 2
Sun 25 Mar	12 noon	PTA Fun Run
Sun 25 Mar	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Annual Church meeting in St James
Fri 30 Mar		School Easter Service in St James Church
Mon 2 Apr	7.30pm – 9.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall
Sat 19 May	Afternoon	Great Horwood Silver band plays for church funds
Mon 4 Jun	3.00pm - late	Diamond Jubilee Celebration fun day on the Village Green
Sat 23 Jun	8.00pm – 12.00pm	Midsummer Ball in the Village Hall
Sat 7 Jul	1.00pm – 5.00pm	Fete on the Village Green
Mon 6 Aug	6.00pm – 11.00pm	Great Horwood Feast on the Village Green
Tue 7 Aug	6.00pm – 11.00pm	Great Horwood Feast on the Village Green
Sat 6 Oct	10.00am – 1.00pm	Giving morning in St James with exhibits, cake stall & refreshments
Fri 12 Oct	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Harvest Supper in St James
Sun 14 Oct	10.00am – 11.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St James

As at 15.02.12 Please email additions to john@gilbey98.freereserve.co.uk

Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches will once again be held in St James' Church **starting on Thursday 1st March at 12 noon**. Come and join us for delicious home-made lunch, including soup, bread and cake. All welcome.

Palm Sunday Service – 1st April

The Palm Sunday Service will start from the bottom of Willow Road at 9.45am. We process around the village with palms and arrive at St James' for the start of the service being 10.30am. Please join us at any time along the route for hymns and prayers on our way.

Good Friday Workshop – 6th April

Good Friday Workshop this year will run at the usual time, 10am – 12 noon in the Scout Hut. The workshop is open for all 5 – 12 year olds who like having fun making a range of Easter based crafts including Easter cards, the Easter Garden, cooking, painting and lots more. The children should be dropped off at the Scout Hut and picked up from St James' Church after the short service to mark the end of the morning. The service will start at approximately 11.45am if you would like to attend. For more details contact Sue Brazier on 714712.

Gritting Bins - Singleborough

The two new gritting bins at either end of Singleborough were put to good use in the first weekend of February with a group of residents gritting the entire length of the village just before a heavy snowfall. As a result, despite several inches of snow falling, the village road was kept open and traffic flowed through freely. Thanks to those residents who did this work and also thanks to the Parish Council for providing the bins.

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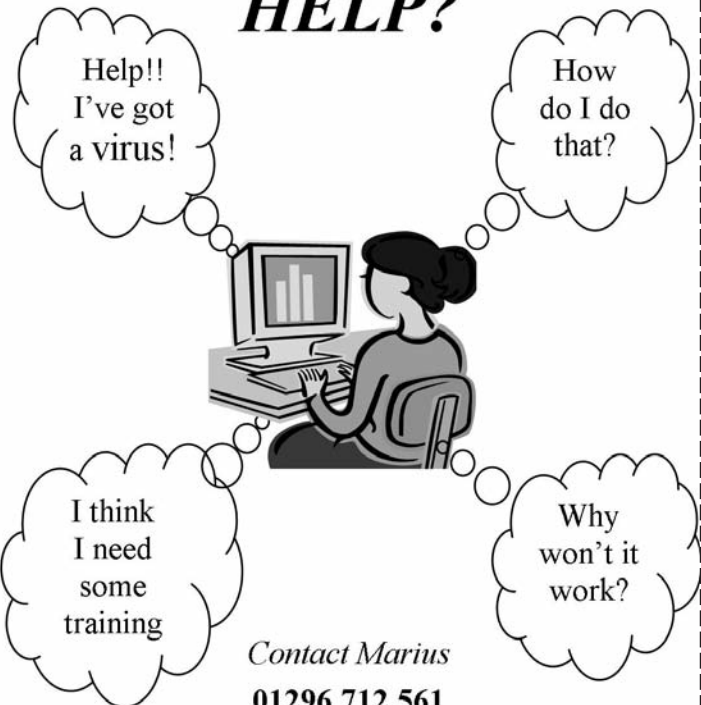
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Great Horwood Rainbows performing at the Village Concert

Great Horwood Village Concert held on the 28th of January

Thank you to everyone who was involved in preparing and clearing up the village hall, playing, singing, clapping, dancing and supplying refreshments. The village hall almost ran out of chairs for the audience of all generations.

Thanks especially to Giocosso who have for several years entertained us and raised money for the children in the village.

If the Great Horwood Training Band is still in training they are responding very well to their teachers and personal practice.

Bodies swayed, feet tapped and voices hummed to the familiar tunes played by both bands. Then we had the delight of our Rainbows, making their first appearance at a concert and enjoying the pleasure of singing funny songs to families and friends.

We all had a good time and the retiring collection was £140, which is to be divided between the Rainbows and the Youth Club.

Sheila Finlayson



In 2012 anyone can become a Sporting Hero.

Bucks resident, and our greatest Olympian, Sir Steve Redgrave, is urging anyone 16 or over to become a Sport Maker and help make sport happen where they live, work or study.

Sport Makers are, quite simply, people who make sport happen. Some might organise sport informally for themselves and their friends, colleagues or neighbours, for example by:

- Organising a friendly tennis session to help work colleagues get to know each other
- Rounding up half a dozen mates for a regular five-a-side football kickabout
- Encouraging five friends to do a local run in the park once a week, celebrating with breakfast afterwards and keeping them motivated.

Others won't take part themselves, but will do all those things that make sport possible, such as:

- Organising a fundraising fun-run for their village with the help of other Sport Makers

Your first step is to register for one of the free Sport Maker events being held at fantastic sporting venues around the county. The first event is on **12th March** (6.30pm to 9.30pm) at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the national centre for disability sport and the birthplace of the Paralympics. At this inspirational event you'll meet sports champions, get free Adidas kit, a one day pass to Harpers (which includes the gym, group training, swimming & tennis) and the chance to win London 2012 prizes including a month's free membership to Harpers. For more details call Stephen Green on 01296 585626 or log onto www.sportmakers.co.uk

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BIG DAY OUT- Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th March

To celebrate English Tourism Week, attractions across Buckinghamshire, including Longridge Activity Centre, Stowe and Buckinghamshire County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery, are making **special offers** to Bucks residents during this week. To find out more and download your discount vouchers visit www.visitbuckinghamshire.org, or call 01296 330559 for more information

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GREAT HORWOOD 5K FUN RUN - Sunday 25th March

Just a reminder that the annual Mad March Hare 5k Run takes place on Sunday 25th March at 12 noon. It's a fun event for all ages and abilities. There are trophies in different age categories and a medal for all finishers. Refreshments will be available and a raffle with some great prizes. With warmer weather on the way it's a good reason to put those trainers on and get out in the fresh air for a bit of training. **Entry form is on the back page.** Hope to see you there. All proceeds from the event go to the School.

Sheila Landymore (tel: 711627)



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9.00am to 12.30pm Saturday 24th March 2012, Grange School Sports Hall, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH

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Registration for the event is £5 per person, with all the money going to Sport Relief and then the choice to get sponsored to raise even more money. There is an amazing program of events lined up not just for the Jazzercisers, but for the whole family as well! We will have Craft stalls, fundraising stalls, Jazzercise t-shirts & other items for sale, refreshments, kids activities and entertainment etc, so make sure you book this date for your whole family to come along. There will also be a raffle with fantastic prizes such as a Fortnum & Mason hamper, Go Karting session, and restaurant vouchers. If you want to just come and browse the stalls, then entrance is free.

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Village Hall Diary

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Regular Activities and Events:

Monday

- Mums with toddlers (under 5's) meet 9.30- 11.30am. Lots of toys to keep the children happy while mum meets other mums.
- Parish council meet **7.30pm Monday 12th March**. Public welcome.
- Every other Monday evening an excellent youth group meet - Lots to do.

Tuesday

- 13th March (second evening of the month) WI meet at 7.30pm. Very good speakers, good value, make new friends.

Wednesday

- Visiting POST OFFICE 9.30am – 11.30am. Tea and coffee served 20p. Sit and pass the time of day. Sale table, Free range eggs. Hand made cards something a bit special And visit the Library as there are books AND jigsaws to borrow – see article below.
- Silver Band rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

Thursday

- Start your day with V-FIT 9am till 10am. Sets you up for your weekend.
- Every other Thursday evening: **March 1st/15th/29th** there is a whist drive, 7.15pm for a 7.30 start. £2 per person. Refreshment inc. Tuition available. Contact Jeannie on 713727 for info.

Friday

- Art and Craft group meet. Very social gathering. 10am till noon-ish! Tea and coffee and browse the books!

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Don't forget to **book your events** and such in the Village Hall. Parties, gatherings.... Very reasonable rates. Tel. Jeannie 713727 for bookings or for any other information about the Hall.

Jeannie Marshall



Neighbourhood Watch

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For any Neighbourhood Watch matters contact me on 713716 or call at 3 Greenway. More in April.

Regards, Ted Hadlow



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Dick Francis, Judy Cornwall and Dan Browne are just three of the authors of books that are available **FREE from the Lending Library in the back room of the Village hall**. We now stock many titles, mostly adult fiction. And there is a range of jigsaw puzzles to borrow too – just the thing for these dark evenings. Just come along on a **Wednesday morning**

9.30 – 11.30am. when the Post Office is open or **Friday mornings 10.00am**. during the Art and Craft Group session.

Liz Nicholls



Great Horwood Village Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and street party - Monday, 4th June

Plans are well underway for our fabulous street party on June 4th! There will be free children's entertainment from 3pm to 5pm with races, fancy dress, maypole dancing, sumo wrestling, sponge football, face painting, street performers and an ice cream van! Jo Dicken and Vicky Rocquelin are leading the children's activities and have it all sorted!

Tables will be set up along the high street ready for everyone to bring their own food and drink for the picnic from 5pm to 8pm and we are hoping the WI will make some brilliant cakes for us – there will be a very special village diamond jubilee cake made by June Margerrison! The Great Horwood silver band will be playing for us too.

From 8pm we will be dancing on the green! We have live music til late with food (to buy) from a wonderful pig roast or from the fish and chip van. You can bring your own drink or buy it from the pub. We will light the beacon accompanied by our very own opera singer at 10.30pm. We have a photographer booked for the day to record the event for posterity!

We need to know how many people are coming so we can plan the layout on the green and so we know how many tables to put out. **Everyone therefore will have to have a ticket to join us.** We will be sending out flyers with an application form or you can email me direct for one on ann@elliottmarketingpr.com

John Gilbey, Kate Jones, Mark Seddon, Steve Bennett and Sara from The Crown have all been outstanding on the committee and helping make it all happen. Paul Robertson is leading a merry band of volunteers to put up bunting, erect marquees and collect and layout tables and chairs. If you would like to join him or help at all then just let me know on the email above. Any help is gratefully received!

Thanks to Jack for funding. We will need a bit more to make it a very special event and I will therefore be asking local businesses if they would provide sponsorship for £50 each. I will be in touch soon.

Ann Elliott

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Foregoing the lure of chocolates and roses, members and lots of very welcome visitors turned up their collars against the cold and headed to the village hall for our regular monthly meeting on 14th February. Our guest speaker *Sylvia Kidby* provided a very entertaining talk about "*Palmistry – character reading from your hand*". Sylvia's approach was light hearted and the evening was littered with anecdotes about her and this intriguing hobby. She instructed us to cup our hands and look at our palm's and then guided us through the lines of fate, life, head and heart we saw there. Well, it was amusing we confirmed things about ourselves and found out quite a lot about each other. She then progressed to bumps, lumps and other lines which could have been very revealing if we had got the chance to see each other's hands again.....

At our next monthly meeting *13th March* we welcome *Melanie Watts*, who will be speaking about *Mosaic art and its therapy*. She is a mosaic artist who creates bespoke pieces of art work and also runs classes from a studio in Stony Stratford. Melanie has experience working with a range of age groups and abilities, including those with self esteem issues, physical and emotional difficulties, and those with mental illness. You can find out more about Melanie and her work at:

www.melaniemattsmosaics.artweb.com

We have kick started an informal walking group which meets every two weeks on the green. Only about 50% of the participants are WI members the rest are people like us who wish to make a healthy start to their week. The next walk is on *5th March*.

Some of our group are off to Cheddington Village Hall on the *19th March* for a *Baking Day and Cooks Question Time* with "Masterchef" quarter-finalist Polly Oxby. This is a great chance to sample some of Polly's cooking and put her under the spotlight. It should be a relaxed, interesting day finishing with tea and cake, yum!

To round off a busy month we are hosting "*The Chase Group*" *Spring Meeting* in the Village Hall on the *27th*. The Chase Group is made up of five WI's: Winslow, Stewkley, Mursley, Drayton Parslow and ourselves. We meet twice a year to swap ideas, find out what other WI's have been doing and be addressed by a very good speaker we would normally be unable to afford by ourselves. This time our speaker is *William French*, butler to royalty and the stars. He will be sharing adventures and stories from a very different and lucrative career.

Looking ahead to *April* we have our *Annual Fund Raising Dinner*, this year on a fishy theme. The *Annual BFWI Council Meeting* at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury with guest speakers *Adam Henson* (Country File) and *Peter Lien* (Head of Denman Collage Cookery School). We are also taking part in a sponsored walk to raise money for the *Associated Country Women of the World*, a charitable organisation which strives to relieve poverty and sickness, protect and preserve health and advance education in rural/urban areas predominately of the third world.

You are very welcome to come along to our next meeting on the *13th March*.

Val Smith Tel:01296 711551

Have You Got Any Spare Balls?

Snooker balls, that is. The Youth Club has acquired a quarter-size snooker table but would like some extra balls and cues if anyone has them please. Perhaps your table has broken but you still have the balls and cues. We would be really grateful to hear from you. Please contact Liz Nicholls on: 01296 715331



Great Horwood Silver Band

Following a short break after Christmas the band is now very busy rehearsing for their Annual Concert, which will be on **Saturday 3rd March at 7.30pm** in the Community Centre, Cornwall's Meadow Buckingham. Tickets are available on the door £7 and £5 concessions. There will be a raffle and light refreshments. The training band conducted by Bandmaster Emma Mainwaring will start the concert with a short selection followed by the main band conducted by Musical Director Roy Lack. The band will play a wide variety of music including solos and some recently acquired new additions to their library

The training band played at the concert in the Village Hall in Great Horwood at the end of January and were very well received. The Concert was well attended and most enjoyable.

Engagements for the summer are now coming in well. We have been engaged to play at the May Fayre in Eddlesborough again this year. The Fayre is on 5th May and the band will be playing from 12.30pm. On Saturday 19th May we will be playing for an event in Great Horwood in aid of Church Funds. Helen and Andrew Grimditch have very kindly offered the use of their garden for the event and Monica Gilby is making the arrangements.

On June 17th we will be returning to Thornton College to play for their annual Fete. We will be in Tingewick for their Music Festival on Sunday 24th June from 2pm. We have been invited back to Aston Abbots once again for their fete on Saturday July 28th. On August 18th we will be playing for the Aston Clinton Show and for Hardwick Fete on September 8th. The band has been asked to play for a concert for the Salvation Army in Milton Keynes on September 29th.

We welcome new member Lois Daly to our training band. She has only been playing for a few months and is already progressing very well.

100 Club winners for January were

Emma Mainwaring £12

Keith Mould £8

If you would like to see more about the band and look at photos please visit our website on www.freewebs.com/greathorwood

Beryl Lack



Great Horwood Football Club-Taster session

Come along and give football a try – we are looking for girls and boys of current school year 1 to come along at **9:30am on Saturday 17 March**.

We will be running a 4-week taster session with a view to entering a team in next season's MKDDL under 7's league.

Please e-mail play@greathorwoodfc.co.uk if you are interested.

Steve Bennett

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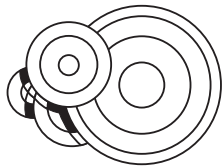
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Great Horwood CE Combined School - School Council Launches Fundraising Project!

Great Horwood School Council has launched an ambitious project to raise £1000 to buy a new traversing wall for school. The school council initially asked the entire school about what they would like to collaboratively fund-raise towards. The majority of children voted for a 'traversing wall', similar to the one pictured here.

To help raise the required £1000, the school council has organised a school shop; this has currently raised around £20. The school shop takes place most Thursday lunchtimes and currently sells healthy snacks and books.



Additionally, thank you to parents for using our Easy Fundraising site; this has already raised over £70! There is a link to Easy Fundraising from the front of our school website (www.greathorwood.bucks.sch.uk). The link below can be used to help raise money for our school via your shopping: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greathorwoods>

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Davies who has organised a collection box for our entrance hall. If you have any CDs, DVDs, Games, books, ink cartridges, mobile phones or foreign coins that you would like to donate then they would be very gratefully received!

Nature Area Update – see photo below

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have helped so far with the work in the Nature Area. Despite the cold weather, parents and children came along on the 28th January to help us clear the area ready for redevelopment.

Over the coming months, children will be planting a range of trees to form our 'Jubilee Wood', and reshaping the paths through the area with woodchip. The pond will very shortly be dredged and a fence erected around the edge. We are hoping to include a range of nest boxes to encourage wildlife in the area. We will let you all know of the next working party date.



Paul Adams: Headteacher



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CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

LAST MEETING – MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2012

Planning Matters

The application for the erection of a dwelling house with detached garage on Land at School End (11/02449/APP) has not yet been determined by AVDC.

AVDC has issued a demolition notice on Hedgerows, Nash Road and the owner has appealed against the service of the notice.

Grit/Salt Bins

Two further grit/salt bins were installed one in Singleborough and the other one in Nash Road, just in time for the arrival of the wintry weather.

Distribution of Focus

The Council has agreed to fund the distribution of Focus to businesses on the periphery of the village which do not currently get a copy delivered through the normal distribution system. This will be done on a trial basis starting in the new financial year in April and will be followed up by a questionnaire to the businesses to see if they wish to continue to receive a copy of Focus.

Request for a weight restriction on traffic through the village

Following a request from a villager at the November 2011 meeting of the Council we had requested Bucks County Council to investigate the possibility of imposing a weight restriction on traffic passing through the village. We have now been advised by BCC that it is not possible to introduce such a limit.

Litter Pick

Due to the very poor response to last year's litter pick it was decided that we would not organise one for the normal time in late March but would consider arranging one for late May in time for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Footpaths Report

Robert Deuchar provided the following written report to the Council:

"All footpaths and the bridleway in the Parish have been inspected within the last week and they are in good shape. It is encouraging to see the increased use of the footpaths, such as to Singleborough, as evidenced by a worn track, and that farmers are restoring the surface of the paths through growing crops."

Allotments

We received 14 responses from the 17 allotment plot holders in response to the questionnaire on whether they would like water supplies to be installed and if so how much they would be willing to pay. 12 are in favour of installing supplies but there was a wide range of opinions on how much they would be willing to pay. The Council agreed to find out what costs are incurred by allotment holders in neighbouring parishes.

Diamond Jubilee

The independent committee is working really hard to make the Diamond Jubilee Celebration event to be held in the village on the 4th June a great success. Our application to close the High Street during the afternoon and evening of the 4th has been successful. A full report on the plans for the day can be seen in a separate article in this month's FOCUS.

Play Around the Parishes

In previous years AVDC has provided these events for young children free of charge. In 2012 they will no longer be provided free and so the Council agreed to provide funding of £150 for 3 x 2 hour sessions to be run during the summer holidays.

Parish Council Website

For a more comprehensive report of the Parish Council meeting please read the minutes published on the website. (<http://www.bucksinfo.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 12th March at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

John Gilbey – Chairman Great Horwood Parish Council
john@gilbey98.freeseerve.co.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 2nd April 7.30pm

Village Hall

ALL WELCOME – See page 2



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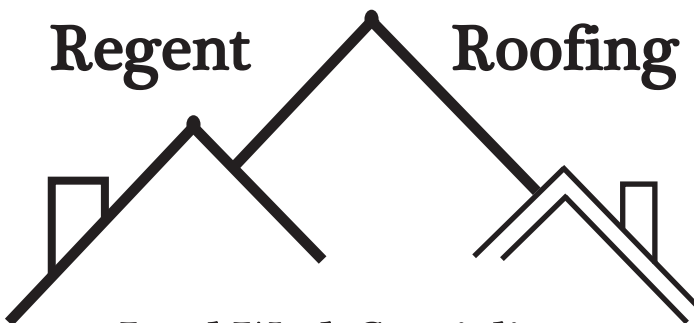


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Tuesday	6th	March	– Buckingham Bus*
Thursday	8th	March	– Bicester Garden Centre £3.50.
Monday	12th	March	– Buckingham Garden Centre. Free coffee on arrival and 10% off lunch. £3.00.
Tuesday	13th	March	– Asda Shopping, Milton Keynes £3.00.
Thursday	15th	March	– Westcroft Bus*. (same times as 1st March).
Thursday	22nd	March	– Local lunch at The Green Man in Mursley. 2 courses & travel £10.00.
Tuesday	27th	March	– Thame Shopping £3.50
Tuesday	3rd	April	– Buckingham Bus. 1 hour in Buckingham and 1 hour at Tesco's. *
Tuesday	10th	April	– Milton Keynes Shopping £3.00.
Thursday	12th	April	– Westcroft Bus* (same times as 1st March)
Tuesday	17th	April	– Northampton Shopping £4.50
Thursday	19th	April	– Local Lunch at The Crown at Gawcott. 2 courses + travel £8.95
Tuesday	24th	April	– Bluebell Run. Country drive with pub lunch and maybe catch some early Bluebells! £6.00 (not including lunch).
Thursday	26th	April	– Westcroft Bus* (same times as 1st March)
Thursday	3rd	May	– Bluebell Run. Country drive with pub lunch and hopefully catch some Bluebells! £6.00 (not including lunch).

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Thursday	22nd	March	– Marriage of Figaro. Evening performance, Welsh National Opera.
Friday	23rd	March	– La Traviata. Evening performance, Welsh National Opera
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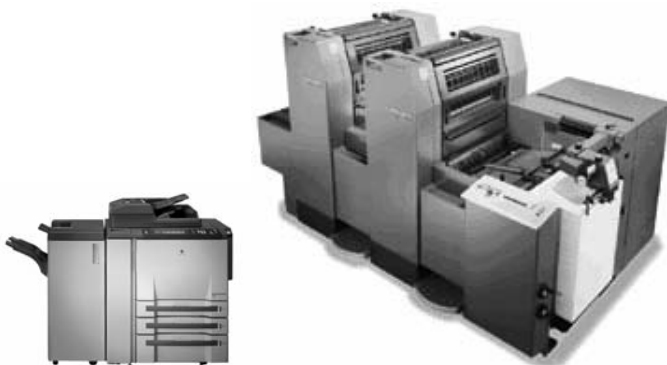
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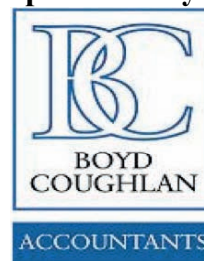
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