

# PARISH PUMP

## NATIONAL MOMENT OF REFLECTION

On the eve of the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, over 100 residents gathered on The Green to observe the minute silence at 8pm. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on the Queen's life and service in this fitting way. With grateful thanks to all those who took part including the Great Horwood Silver Band, Cllr John Gilbey, Air Vice Marshall John Cliffe CB OBE, St James' Church Clergy and Yvonne Taylor, Group Scout Leader with the uniformed young people.



## GREAT HORWOOD ROAD CLOSURE – NOW OPEN



As everyone will know, the Great Horwood Road closure was originally posted to be in place for a period of nine weeks to facilitate the refurbishment of Buckingham Road Bridge and associated utilities works. This was of course completely unacceptable since the road was to be used as a temporary lay down area and avoid a three-way traffic control system at the junction of the B4033 with the A413. The Parish Council wrote letters of complaint to Buckinghamshire Council Transport for Bucks and Network Rail and were pleased when a decision was made to reduce the closure to just one week.

We have all received notification from Network Rail that they may need to close Great Horwood Road for a short period of time in the coming weeks, although there will be access to properties as well as public and school buses. The two-way traffic lights will be in place on the A413 Buckingham Road until 11<sup>th</sup> November, so make sure you leave extra time for your journeys.

## FUNDS FOR LOCAL CAUSES

As in previous years, Great Horwood Parish Council will once again be donating up to £3000 to local causes. If you would like your group to be considered, you need to start thinking about your bid. Forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, contact details below. Applicants must be from organisations associated with the village. Winning bids will be announced at the December Parish Council meeting. The closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.



## NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET



This is the time of year that the Parish Council put together next year's budget. We would be pleased to hear of any suggestions that you would like considered in the budget for 2023/24. Please come along to the next Parish Council meeting with your ideas. See below for the next meeting date and details of how you can have your say.

## WELCOME TO GREAT HORWOOD

We hope all new residents have enjoyed reading their Welcome Packs 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](mailto: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/>

## NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is always a public participation period when members of the public can have their say. The Notice of the meeting is advertised on the Great Horwood Facebook page, 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 [e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/](https://e-voice.org.uk/ghpc/)

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