

Whitchurch Hill WI—The Women's Institute



Maybe you are new to Whitchurch Hill. . Maybe your circumstances have recently changed and you are looking for a new interest in life. Either way your local WI may be just the ticket.

We are a group of just under thirty members. Participants come from Whitchurch, Whitchurch on Hill, Purley, Goring, and locations in between. Contrary to popular belief we do not spend all our time involved in arts and crafts though some of our members do particularly enjoy those activities. For others the camaraderie comes first and for others the many and varied speakers who address us on a regular basis is a great positive. In addition to monthly get togethers we arrange social trips out. These include visits to local places of interest, as well as walks and lunches.

Most people have heard of the WI and know it is a national organisation. Whilst we do join with other groups from time to time for specific events our main focus is on those in our own group, trying to deliver a programme of activities that everyone can participate in.

We meet for a couple of hours on the third Tuesday of the month at Goring Heath Parish Hall, from 10am. You would be welcome to come along as a guest at any time to learn more.

An important date if you'd like to try us out:

In September (20th) we are holding a special welcome morning for anyone wanting to try us out. If you already know someone who attends you could come along with them. If you don't just give Frances a ring on 01189842162 and be assured you will be well looked after.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sally Bergmann
Secretary

OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL

FixMyStreet

Fix My Street Super User Volunteers

Oxfordshire County Council created OXTOG – Oxfordshire Together – to mobilise and support a team of volunteers around the County to help look after their own roads, pavements and public rights of way. As part of OXTOG there is a growing team of volunteers known as Fix My Street Super Users.

The Super Users are, in effect, the ‘eyes and ears’ of the County Council Highways Officers and are trained to report and action certain road repairs, specifically potholes and damaged kerbs, on low-speed, minor roads using Fix My Street.

The Volunteer Co-ordination team at Oxfordshire County Council is currently recruiting more Fix My Street Super Users in this area. The training takes place online in small groups.

If you already use Fix My Street and can walk around your town or village regularly (or even daily) and would like to find out more, please contact:

volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk



WOODCOTE VILLAGE GREEN FETE

Saturday 10th September

Woodcote are holding their annual fete on the Woodcote Village Green. All the exhibition entries will be laid out in the village hall; so please do come and have a look at the old favourites, including vegetables, baking, the longest stinging nettle, photography, painting, home crafts, and children's arts and crafts.

On the green there will be a variety of entertainment such as clowns, bouncy castles, a dog show, tug of war, skittles, and welly wanging; to name a few.

There will be lots to feast on too - from tea and cakes provided by the Goring Heath Scout and Guides groups, pizzas from Soleluna, beer from South Oxfordshire Brewery, a BBQ, and much more.

Entry is free. Please be considerate when parking. Doors open from 12pm until 5.

Checkendon Pre School



Established 1979

All Enquiries please contact: preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com, Tel: 01491 682589 www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk

Ways you can support Checkendon Pre-School

We have now signed up for Amazon smile. This means that each time you shop using amazon you can raise some funds for Checkendon Pre-school. Please follow the link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1156803-0>

Easy fundraising. Please support the Pre-School and sign up to raise funds for the Pre-School - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/checkendonpreschool/>



Thinking of volunteering? It's good for you! We wanted to let you know about the brilliant volunteering opportunities we have at 1st Goring Heath Scout Group based in Crays Pond and every one of them is good for you.

We rely on people like you playing your part to give young people opportunities to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life.

You don't need to be Bear Grylls to volunteer. We're looking for people to help in all sorts of ways in our meeting place and behind the scenes. Whether you want to support young people or if you're more comfortable planning an adventure from the sidelines, we've got a role for you.

Scouts happen when a lot of us give a little. You're not signing up for a lifelong commitment – just to help out, when and where you can. We're looking for someone or a team of people to take on a volunteer management role helping our trustees and leaders to run the Scout Group. In Scouting this role is called a Group Scout Leader. The role could be separated into **three** main areas: **Leader support and development, Trustee Liaison and Leaders Meeting Chair and Group Development .**

Want to make a difference, but don't want to work directly with young people? There are loads of opportunities to make an impact behind the scenes. We'll help you find something that matches your skills (and the time you have available).

Volunteering's a two-way street. Research shows that it improves your well-being and helps you build career-boosting skills. Let us know you're interested, and we'll give you any support and training you need to let your skills shine.

If you've got any questions or would like to give volunteering a go, please get in touch by emailing chair@1stgoringheath.org.uk

New Defibrillator

Goring Heath Parish Council are considering locations for a new defibrillator. The areas under consideration at the moment are The Almshouses in Goring Heath, The Sun Public House in Whitchurch Hill or the telephone box at Crays Pond.

If you have a preference for any location, or if you would like to put forward another suggestion, please contact the Clerk, Amanda at goring.heath.parish.council@gmail.com or phone 0118 9844867.

Call for communities to plant trees in record numbers:

Communities and groups across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being urged to put plans in place now, so they are ready to plant trees in record numbers during the annual tree planting season, later this year.

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) produced through the burning of fossil fuels, waste, and other materials is the most prominent greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. Trees capture and store this gas when it enters the atmosphere and so are vital in helping us to tackle the climate emergency.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are therefore calling on people to play their part and plant trees in their local neighbourhood.

The best time to carry out planting is from November to March, when the weather and land conditions are usually at their most suitable for trees to adapt to their new surroundings and grow. However, it can take a while to organise tree planting projects, so people should plan now to ensure they are ready for when the season begins and can maintain and establish the trees for several years.

If you are involved in a tree planting project, or wish to get involved in being part of a record planting season, please visit southoxon.gov.uk/treeplanting for advice. Cllr Peter Dragonetti, Tree Champion at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "As well as the many environmental advantages, trees also provide great health and well-being benefits for everyone, and wonderful scenery across the district, so a record setting tree planting season would really benefit us all!"

Waste Team South and Vale Litter Survey

The two District councils recently launched a joint litter mapping project aimed at identifying where and what type of items are littered, this information will then be used to target those areas.

Throughout the summer-long survey litter pickers are asked to record the location and types of litter either online using our survey or by post using a set number of criteria available on our website.

Litter is defined as any item left out in public which should have been put in a bin. While the results from litter pickers might include some surprise items (a recent litter pick in Drayton St Leonard unearthed a Victorian Bovril bottle) the survey includes categories for the most commonly-littered items including:

- Bagged dog poo
- Bottles
- Cans
- Cigarette butts
- Food items
- Fast food packaging
- Face masks and disposable gloves

When results are collated later this year, then littering in the districts can be more accurately mapped and the information passed on to the councils' envirocrime team to ensure those areas are regularly patrolled. In addition, the councils' waste team can use the mapping to increase awareness among communities of any litter issues in their areas. The project results can also feed into the ongoing review of litter bins in the districts.

We would be very grateful if you could share this information with any litter pickers you know of in your areas. The litter picks do not need to have taken place on district council land: the more data we gather, the better!

The survey and more information can be found on our website here:
www.southoxon.gov.uk/littermapping

Jessica Beare
Waste and Recycling Officer

Waste Team 01235 422146

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Family Fun Days

August 2022

The Active Communities Team from South Oxfordshire District Council have organised low cost or free Family Fun Days covering a variety of activities for families to enjoy across the summer holiday.:

Multi Sports, Lawn Games, Dodgeball and other fun and innovative games

Our Fun Days will take place;

Friday 29 July

10AM – 12Noon @ Sonning
Common

Friday 5 August

2PM - 4PM @ Aston Upthorpe

Friday 5 August

10AM – 12Noon @ Sonning
Common

Friday 12 August

10AM – 12Noon @ Sonning
Common

Friday 19 August

10AM - 12Noon @ Goring

2PM - 4PM @ Woodcote

Friday 24 August

10AM – 12Noon @ Chinnor

Friday 26 August

10AM - 12Noon @ Watlington

2PM - 4PM @ Chalgrove

Friday 2 September

10AM – 12Noon @ Sonning
Common



YOU MOVE

For more information Email Kayleigh at

Kayleigh.Upward@southandvale.gov.uk



YOU MOVE

Until 2nd September:

Dance, Swimming, Cricket, Football, Fun Days

XPLORER

Family, friendly, fun navigational challenge suitable for all ages. Using a single map, the aim is to find markers located around a park. 10 am til midday.

For more information and to book these sessions go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/youmovesouth> or email

Kayleigh.Upward@southandvale.gov.uk

St. Bartholomew's C of E Chapel, The Allnutt Alms-Houses,
Goring Heath, RG8 7RS

Open to the Public --All Welcome

Sung Eucharist 1st & 3rd of the Month

Sung Matins 2nd & 4th & 5th of the Month at 11am

*Said Holy Communion at 9.00am on 2nd & 4th with special
prayers for the sick*

All Services are taken from the book of Common Prayer

Chaplain: Rev Peter Dewey, -- 07784912955

revpeterdewey@yahoo.co.uk

Advertising in the Newsletter

The Newsletter is issued every two months and covers Goring Heath, Crays Pond and Whitchurch Hill. The rates for advertising are £15 for half a page and £25 for a full page advert.

To find out more, please contact us at
goring.heath.parish.council@gmail.com

Party hire

Don't forget you can hire cutlery, glasses, plates, catering tea-pots, good folding chairs and tables from Goring Heath Village Hall at competitive prices, and it's nice and local.

For information and booking:
goringheathparishhall@gmail.com

The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club

Organiser: Christine Martin

**“Sonia”, Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill,
RG8 7PG**

Tel: 0118 9844252 Mobile: 07752785924.

e.mail whitchurchtheatreclub@gmail.com

OPENING UP AGAIN AFTER THE LOCKDOWN

The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club takes you to musicals, plays, ballets, operas, classical concerts etc. once a month. Windsor, Oxford, Cheltenham, Stratford, Salisbury, and Chichester, amongst others,

are often visited. Major London venues and productions. Mainly matinees in the week, but sometimes evening performances and weekends.

**Trips away. Tickets purchased at group/
concessionary rates.**

Coaches depart from Pangbourne

**For our forthcoming programme please check the
Whitchurch-on-Thames website.**

Subscriptions £14 per annum but £12 if paid online.

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POLICE	PEC – Non-Emergency Calls	101
POTHOLES	-	0345-3101111

South Oxfordshire District Council New Department Numbers

Main Customer Service Number: 01235 422422

- ♦ **Planning - 01235 422600**
- ♦ **Building control - 01235 422700**
- ♦ **Environmental health, food and safety - 01235 422403**
- ♦ **Licensing - 01235 422556**
- ♦ **Elections - 01235 422407**
- ♦ **Car parks - 01235 470118**
- ♦ **Community safety - 01235 422590**
- ♦ **Street naming and numbering - 01235 422344**

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You can get in touch with the Goring Heath Newsletter by emailing:
goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com.

This is for any queries, correspondence, feedback and copy submissions.

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To contributors to the Newsletter:-

It would be most helpful if copy could be submitted to the editor as a document attachment to email and sent to goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Parish Council.

Deadline for contributions	Publication month
15th September	October 2022
10th November	December 2022

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