

# **GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER**

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*News, Information  
and Comment for  
Goring Heath,  
Whitchurch Hill  
and Crays Pond*

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## Chairman's comments



There was a poignant moment recently as we laid the wreaths at the war memorial. On the road, just a few yards away, were the distinct markings of the appalling accident that had happened the day before involving a twelve year old boy on a cycle. As we all now know, it tragically turned out to be fatal.

It made me realise even more than ever just how dangerous our local roads are becoming. We are all witness to accidents and near misses on a regular basis.

The roads and lanes of Goring Heath take us through areas of considerable beauty. But these were created at a time when the types of users were very different to now. Their narrow nature, modulations, bends and high hedge rows do not make them natural bed-fellows with the increasing number of cars that use them and the speed that they travel at. On top of that, there is a proliferation of cyclists, and an increasing number of runners and walkers, which compound the risks.

As a community we need to be aware of this and do all we can to make our roads and pathways as safe as possible. There is a limit to what we can do as a Parish Council. We wouldn't want to prevent use nor can we stop people being inconsiderate or taking risks – the speed of the cyclists going down Whitchurch Hill is quite staggering. But what we can do is influence the County Council to adopt sensible speed limits and erect appropriate signage, warnings and road markings – as we are doing at Crays Pond and recently at the junction of Long Toll and the B4526. We will also try and ensure that growth restricting sight lines is addressed and if we can, create pathways to help keep walkers and runners safely off the roads.

But it still feels like there is so much more to do and the Parish Council would welcome any thoughts and ideas on how we can improve things. We must do all we can within our power to minimise the risk of any more tragic accidents like that recently seen.

**Chris Jessop**  
**Chairman**

## Planning Decisions

The following planning applications have been considered. Where a decision is not given, it means the Parish Council has not yet received written confirmation from S.O.D.C.



Premises and application details	Parish Council	SODC
<b><u>P20/S2934/HH</u></b> Ivydene Section Of B4526 Running Through Crays Pond Crays Pond RG8 7QG New rear glazed canopy.	No strong views	Approved
<b><u>P20/S3159/HH</u></b> Tinepits Cottage Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU Conversion of existing garage loft space into occasional family annex	No strong views	Approved
<b><u>P20/S3353/FUL</u></b> Technology Centre Bozdown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Minor material amendment to P19/S4248/FUL for the regularisation of alterations to the exterior of buildings D and H.	No strong views	Under consideration
<b><u>P20/S3356/HH</u></b> Conway Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QG Demolition of existing lean-to extensions and outbuildings and erection of two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and conversion of first floor rear window into dormer window.	No strong views	Under consideration
<b><u>P20/S3358/FUL</u></b> Beech Farm Access Track To Beech Farm Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NZ New house with carport.	Object	Refused
<b><u>P20/S3515/HH</u></b> Bozdown Windmill Bozdown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PE Removal of existing conservatory. Erection of two storey extension via link. Erection of garage with hobby room over.	No Strong views	Under consideration
<b><u>P20/S3609/HH</u></b> The Slabs 4 Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NU Proposed open entrance porch at the front of the property and a two storey side extension with a single storey rear kitchen extension. A new feather edge boarded timber framed three bay carport is proposed in the garden.	Under consideration	Under consideration



Premises and application details	Parish Council	SODC
<a href="#">P20/S4148/HH</a> 2 Well Cottages Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PQ Replacement of garage and single storey extension with two storey side and rear extensions and single storey rear extension, and formation of a vehicular access.	Under consideration	Under consideration
<a href="#">P20/S3533/LB</a> Lavender Cottage Coldharbour Goring Heath RG8 7SY Internal: Remove concrete floor slab and reinstate insulated breathable floor construction and to be finished with oak floor boards - finished floor level to be 125mm lower. External: Proposed trench close to building to drop the ground level and to be back filled with gravel	No strong views	Under consideration

## Planning

We would also like to point out that No Strong Views is one of only three choices that SODC gives the parish council. It should not be read as illustrating tacit approval of an application. More often than not this choice is supplemented with specific comments from the parish council highlighting areas of concern

## Work From Hall or Work From Home?

### Opportunity to work from Hall



If you have been working from home, and the novelty has worn off and you could do with some company when working, without catching the train to Paddington or going on the M4 to a half empty office, the government is allowing community premises to be used as a working environment, and that includes our own Parish Hall.

So the Parish Hall can now be made available for working from home, it's got good wifi, and of course kitchen and loo facilities, so if you do want to get out of the house and work in a different environment, please get in touch with [goringheathparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:goringheathparishhall@gmail.com) and let us know if this could be of interest. Days and times to be arranged. It would be **free**.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Unfortunately, due to Coronavirus restrictions this year, the Remembrance service had to be cancelled.

Mr Chris Jessop Chair of Goring Heath Parish Council, the Vice Chair Mr Peter Dragonetti, and Councillor Jim Donohue, Chair of Whitchurch on Thames Parish Council laid wreaths at the memorial in Whitchurch Hill on behalf of our community.

Our Bugler, Mr Stewart Lewin, played the last post, and a small group of onlookers observed the two minute silence.



### **Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society and OWL (Our Woodcote Library)**

With the current lock down measures there's not much to report on the two societies at the moment, but I would like to take the opportunity to wish us all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Vicky Jordan**



## Goring Heath Parish Map

Many people will have seen and admired the map of the parish in the entrance lobby of the parish hall. This fine hand drawn map of the parish was created by Martin Wise about 20 years ago, and a number of copies were sold at that time, and are treasured and admired possessions of those who were wise enough buy one at that time.

We are now considering arranging for it to be reprinted, so if you are interested, or might be interested, in purchasing a copy, please let the Clerk know. At the moment we have no idea of the cost, obviously the bigger the print run the more economic it will be.

To see more local news, and information on parish council matters, head to the Goring heath website.

## **Update on reducing the road speed limit through Crays Pond**



As you are aware, your Council has been actively working on seeking for Oxford County Council to reduce the 40mph speed restrictions through Crays Pond to 30mph. We are writing to update you on progress.

Following extensive communications and escalations within Oxford County Council a meeting was held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November involving officers of the County Council, a representative of Thames Valley Police, the chair of the Parish Council, and the County Councillor for the area. The result of this meeting was that agreement was reached verbally with the County Council and police to reduce the speed limits to 30mph and a plan agreed.

There was considerable debate on the actual location of the 30mph signs as it is not just as simple as replacing the 40mph signs with the 30mph signs. Contemporary thinking requires that the locations of the new signs are influenced by the average current speeds of traffic, as reflected by the recent speed monitoring. If current speeds exceed national guidelines for this type of change, then extensive traffic calming road reengineering schemes are required, which are challenging to fund. As a result of this, for the eastern, northern and western approaches to Crays Pond, the 30 mph signs will be located closer to the junction than the current 40mph signs. The current 40mph signs will remain, other than some repositioning of signage on the Northern approach from Woodcote. The current 40mph sign on the southern approach to Crays Pond would be replaced by the 30mph sign.

Your Council is in the main pleased with this outcome as it achieves the ultimate aim of materially reducing the traffic speed through the centre of Crays Pond and allowing it to be policed. This should help improve the safety and wellbeing of all road users and the community at this dangerous junction. It is fair to say however, that we do have a degree of discomfort with the location of the 30mph sign on the approach from Goring, which will be positioned just prior to Heath End and the start of the pedestrian pavement. It would be ideal to position this further out and the police would be supportive of this but only if it is accompanied by major road reengineering to calm traffic speed, such as a chicane with associated lighting. We will continue to explore the potential to fund this, likely to be in excess of £20,000, its practicality and receptiveness of us all to this type of construction.

All of the above is caveated by a consultation period that the County Council will now action with key third party stakeholders, such as the fire and ambulance services. This is likely to take up until Christmas with a recommendation formally submitted after the consultation to the Oxford County Council cabinet – probably at their February meeting. On the assumption that there are no objections or amendments, then the necessary works will commence shortly after.

Fred Rutherford informs us that it was actually over 21 years ago that a letter was read to the Parish Council asking for the speed limit reduction. Persistence pays off. The Parish Council will now monitor the County Council carefully and ensure that the verbal agreement is followed by clear action.

**Chris Jessop**  
**Chairman**

## Street Tag

Street Tag is a new fun, free, Smartphone app that offers rewards for exercise. It's a family-friendly game that rewards primary schools, families, individuals and communities for physical activities such as walking, running, and cycling.

Collect virtual tags for a chance to win. On Street Tag you can play as an individual or as a team of up to six people in the Oxfordshire league. For more info on how to play, head to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag)



## Checkendon Pre-school

Tickets for our fundraising Christmas hamper raffle will be on sale from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at £5.00 a strip. Tickets can be purchased from the lovely ladies at Checkendon Pre-School, situated at the Village hall. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020. 'Kelly's Kandles' will also be available for purchase, with all proceeds going to the Pre-School.

To find out more about Checkendon Pre-School, do visit our website [www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk](http://www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk), call us on 01491 682589

**Kelly Mullins**

## **District Councillors Comments**

Those of you with a long memory will recall that nearly 6 years ago the District Council offices in Crowmarsh burnt down, and ever since then the Council has been working from rented offices in Milton Park, Didcot. Renting offices was not a long term solution, as eventually the money would run out, and, after the election last year the new Council set about a rebuild programme. There were two possible sites, either the original Crowmarsh site or a car park owned by the Council by Didcot Station. At that stage, the Didcot site was deemed to be too small. However, experience since March has shown, that as in other organisations, many people can work from home without any loss of efficiency, and so the decision to rebuild at Crowmarsh has been rescinded, and we are now going to have an office on the Didcot carpark site. Although further from us locally, as it's a shared office with the Vale of White Horse District Council, it is a better location from that point of view, and also better served by public transport. The delay was fortuitous, although we now have to crack on with an even tighter timetable.

The District Council has also formulated a new Corporate Plan, and it is based around six main themes:

**Protect and restore our natural world, Openness and accountability, Action on Climate emergency, Improved Economic and Community Well being, Homes and infrastructure that meet Local need, Investment that rebuilds our financial strategy.**

The Corporate Plan gives a direction to the Council and its officers over the next 4 years. Such plans are uncontroversial, and worthy, and it's interesting to compare this plan with the previous one, which covered 2016-2020. The comparative headline themes in that one were

**Invest in the Districts Future, Unlock the Potential of Didcot, Homes and jobs for everyone, Build Thriving communities, Services that reflect Residents' needs, Be tough on enforcement.**

It is of course easy to pick holes in plans afterwards, and I am pleased that the objective of tough and swift action on fly tipping, part of the Enforcement theme, is now well embedded in the council, and I personally have a good working relationship with the officer who leads on this. However, a clear promise to build a new Leisure Centre at Didcot was abandoned, and I could identify other failings, but then, plans are only plans.



In the new plan, there is much less emphasis on building, and more on community involvement and local needs, nature restoration and well being. Some of this change of direction is part of a societal shift, where everyone from the Prime Minister downwards is taking a more environmental view, so I am pleased that the Council is very much in the mainstream with its approach to how the world should be in the future.

**Peter Dragonetti**

**District Councillor for Kidmore End, Whitchurch, Goring Heath and Mapledurham**

## **Oxfordshire residents urged to continue to follow coronavirus rules**

COVID cases in Oxfordshire are up again but that is expected as the impact of lockdown is yet to be reflected.

**A total of 965 cases have been reported for the week ending 6th November in Oxfordshire compared to 828 in the week ending 30th October. There has also been a further spread into a wider range of age groups in the county.**

Ansaf Azhar, Oxfordshire County Council's Director for Public Health, said: "These figures don't mean lockdown isn't working – it's just that it is far too early for any impact to have been seen in the statistics just yet. We were expecting to see cases continue to rise given that only a short period has elapsed since the start of lockdown. However, the further rise in cases in Oxfordshire does emphasise the need for people to abide by the lockdown rules in a collective effort to drive down cases."

Apart from rising cases, **there is a noticeable increase in transmission through the various age groups – not just in the 18 - 24 year old age group**, which was the case earlier in the autumn.

More about the figures can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/coronavirus-covid-19/controlling-local-coronavirus-outbreaks/latest-figures>

## **Hill Bottom Bus Shelter**

Our gratitude goes out to the kind volunteers who helped clear the ivy on our beloved oak trees recently. Thanks must also go to those who took advantage of the opportunity and worked together to straighten and fix the damage to the bus shelter at the Hill Bottom / Whitchurch Hill triangle.

There is significant ivy growth on a handful of the largest oaks in the village to the extent a handful of the trees were showing signs of branch die-back. We were mindful of the need to ease the strangulation pressure on the trees whilst retaining a habitat the ivy gives to bats, birds and other precious wildlife. In cutting a chunk out of the ivy stem as low down the trees' trunks as we could, the ivy on the tree remains in place for the wildlife but also the pressure on the trees is eased. Two of the oaks had ivy stems of 8" to 10" in diameter which were under such terrific tension they could be heard crackling as we cut through.

The bus shelter proved to be made of solid stuff, despite the best efforts of a white pickup truck ! With some (gentle) persuasion the integrity of the shelter was returned to it's former condition, and is now safe to use.

### **Taz Moghul**



**Publicise your event and increase attendance by giving us the dates.**

**IT IS FREE**

We welcome event dates from all local charities and groups for listing in this feature. Please send details to the Editor at: [goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com) Please allow sufficient time in advance for the publication of the appropriate newsletter. Contribution deadlines and publication dates are on the inside back cover



## Meet the Parish Councillors: This month, Nik Elsome



Hello, my name is Nik and I have been a Goring Heath Parish Councillor for 10 years. I am 57 and a third generation Elsome to live consecutively in the Parish and it seems we will be here for some time to come. Five children, four of whom are slowly progressing through our local schools.

I live in Heath End with Maz, my lovely and extremely talented and creative wife, children and Colin our mad cat. It is because of the houses at Heath End that I became a Parish Councillor. The houses were built by a housing association to offer an opportunity for people with a strong local connection to be able to stay and live in the Parish. The scheme was supported and driven by the Parish Council.

The opportunity for a local home came at a very fortunate time for me. So I decided to say thank you by offering my time to the community as a Parish Councillor.

Since then I became involved with the Whitchurch Hill fete committee and look forward to being able to arrange the 2021 fete.

**Nik Elsome**

If you'd like to comment on any local issues, please send your comments to [goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com)



**Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following a fatal road traffic collision on B471**

**At around 12.55pm on Saturday (7/11) a boy was cycling along the B471, Whitchurch Hill, heading towards Pangbourne, when he was in a collision with a white van, which was heading up Whitchurch Hill towards Crays Pond.**

The 12-year-old boy sustained serious injuries and sadly died in hospital yesterday (Monday). His family are now been supported by specially trained officers. The driver of the van remained at the scene.

No arrests have been made.

Senior Investigating officer Sergeant Darren Brown, of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit at Three Mile Cross, said; "Firstly our thoughts are with the family and friends of the boy who has sadly died in this incident.

"At the time the boy was cycling with his father, if you think you saw them around this area we would like to speak you.

"We would also like to speak to anyone who saw the incident or the white Volkswagen Crafter van which was involved in the collision.

"This is a rural location but we hope someone may have some information to assist with our investigation and may have seen something.

**"If you have dash-cam or CCTV in the area, we would ask you check this and please share anything significant with us.**

**"You can contact us by either calling 101 or making a report online using the reference number 43200364403."**

## Going Batty in Crays Pond!

Back in mid-July, myself and Giles Suttton of GSEcolgy ([www.gsecology.co.uk](http://www.gsecology.co.uk)) installed three Bat Boxes in the trees around Crays Pond. We will survey the boxes next year and report back.

**Martin Wise**



**Goring Heath WI**

Like all voluntary and social organisations opportunities for members to see each other have obviously been limited.

Since our last article however we have made use of the internet to communicate, share, and learn.

A walk around Basildon Park on 6th October was attended by six members. The group met and had coffee by the stables followed by an hour long walk and a picnic. The weather was fine and sunny.

The following week Purley W.I. shared a ZOOM meeting with a speaker Graham Horn who talked on the subject of The History of the Kennet & Avon Canal. An interesting talk, enjoyed by all.

Nearer to home we had the final entries for this last year's Flower of the Month Competition. Tricia Clapp from Whitchurch emerged as the overall winner. Congratulations to her.



Entries had to be submitted as photographs. Her rose was the runaway winner for the month of October, clinching her the title.

Within the group we also have a jigsaw swop set up and a book club and regular photograph competitions under consideration

{Photo courtesy of Tricia Clapp}

Learning has taken place for those who have been able to take advantage of the many and varied courses on offer by our on-line training facility (Denman). From one off taster sessions to six week courses, there is plenty for all. History talks, art, craft, and baking demonstrations, or longer skill based courses such as photography are all available.

Physical and mental health have not been ignored either with yoga and pilates on the menu.

Whilst we are all heartened by the possibility of a vaccine we will keep ourselves busy until some degree of normality can return. If you are interested in learning more about your local Women's Institute please contact Frances on 01189842162.

**Sally Bergmann**



## CRAYS POND PHONE BOX LIBRARY

Welcome to our “revamped” local library!

Many thanks to Goring Heath Parish Council for the new shelving providing so much more capacity for our lovely range of books, which just keep on giving. Thank you also to the residents of Goring Heath who have made this venture such a success within our community.

Please leave your unwanted books in the phone box situated at the cross-roads. I will be delighted to continue as ‘curator’ of the library.

All donations very much appreciated.

Enjoy!

Beryl A Rutherford



PS. The Parish Council would like to say a big ‘thank you’ on behalf of the local residents to the anonymous person who kindly left sweets in the phone box ‘library’ for the children to take at Halloween.

## **MacMillan Coffee and Cake Fundraising Morning**

*Our MacMillan Coffee morning took place on September 25th and we would like to thank everyone who attended, those who donated cakes and savouries and to everyone who posted donations through our front doors.*

*We raised over £500 and enjoyed every moment. Thank you so much.*

**Amanda Holland and Deborah Macrae**







## **GORING HEATH VOLUNTEER GROUP**

### **Goring Heath Volunteers Update**

At the time of writing we are firmly in our second lockdown. We do hope that you are reassured to know that the Goring Heath Volunteers are ready to respond to your requests.

If you do need help with shopping or other basics, like getting prescriptions or medical supplies, please go to the website [goring-heath.com](http://goring-heath.com) and click on the red button.

This will take you straight through to the Goring Heath Parish Council email address. Tell us what you need and we will see if we can help. Don't worry though, you can also call us on the phone if you prefer.

The number has changed since the first lockdown, it is now **07857 993 918**.

We are very pleased to welcome two new volunteers, Isobel and Emily, who are volunteering with us as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award scheme.

### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY**

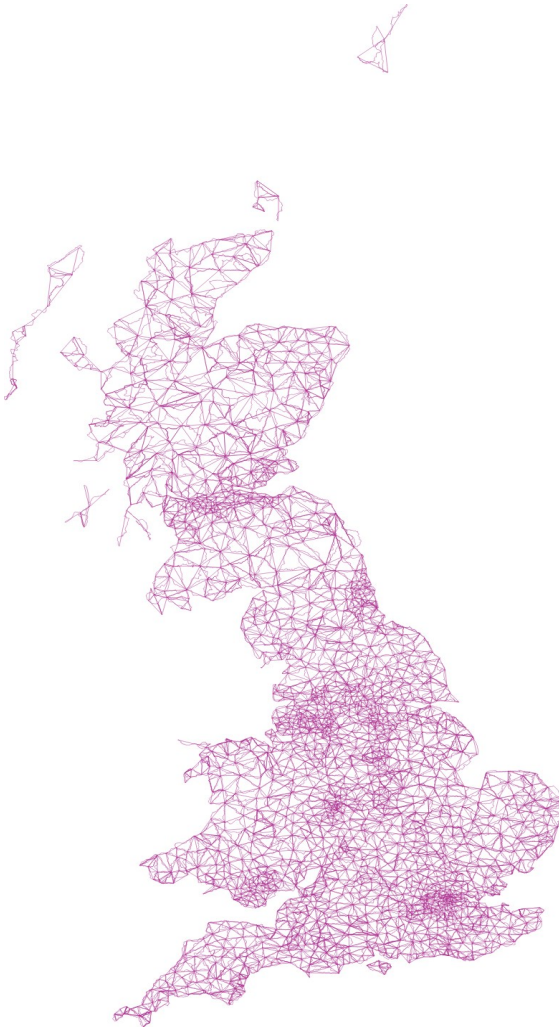
Goring Heath Parish Council are looking for a volunteer to take care of the advertising for the Goring Heath Newsletter.

We need someone to identify and secure new advertisers for our 1000 household distribution and very reasonable advertising rates. The post holder would also issue invoices and ensure that payments are kept up to date.

Please apply to The Clerk on 07814 360 566  
Or email [goringheathparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:goringheathparishcouncil@gmail.com).



## Slow Ways



During the Spring lockdown, 700 volunteers collaborated to draft a new national network of 7,000 Slow Ways walking routes that connect all of Great Britain's towns and cities as well as thousands of villages.

Their next challenge is to find 10,000 volunteers to walk, check and review these Slow Ways routes and they are now in the process of finalising their website, which will let anyone search, browse, download information and enjoy routes. They are now committed to launching Slow Ways in late January.

They will be holding a series of webinars on Zoom in December and January. These will be a chance to learn more about Slow Ways, discover how you can get

involved and ask questions.

If you're interested and would like more information, contact [www.slowways.co.uk](http://www.slowways.co.uk) or follow @SlowWaysUK on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

## **"Goring Poor's Allotment Charity**

This local charity operating in the Goring and Goring Heath Parishes has funds available as small grants to help those who might be experiencing financial difficulties. In the past we have also made donations to local organisations. To discuss further details please give me a ring.

Revd Ben Phillips (Chairman)

01491 875651"

## ***Enjoy a stroll but no-one to walk with?* Goring Heath Monthly Community Walks**

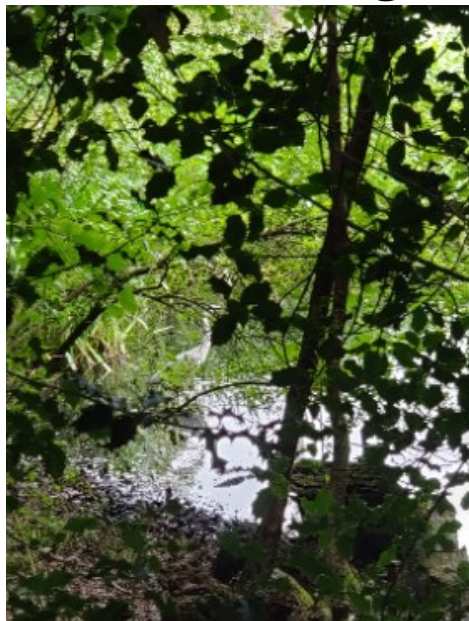
Despite restrictions in place the regular monthly walks have still been arranged.

Two or more groups of up to six meet on the first Monday of each month outside the Sun Pub .

Walkers organise themselves into the groups at random and set off at different times to ensure social distancing compliance. Each group has a route leader.

Autumn is always a particularly special time to explore our lovely woodlands and with this in mind we have walked around the beech woods beyond Penny Royal as well as out to Collins End and Path Hill. It is nice to still be able to find new paths for us to tread!

We will continue to walk whilst we can. If you are interested to know more please ring **Sally on 07585195669**



A heron wading in Crays Pond



Mushroom growing near Flint House

If you see any usual wildlife, and you'd like to see a photo of it published in the Newsletter, please send it to [goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com)

## Advertising in the Newsletter

The Newsletter is issued every two months and covers Goring Heath, Whitchurch Hill and Crays Pond. 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 the above address.

## Online Exercise via ZOOM

Due to Covid-19, Age UK's physical activity service, Generation Games, where exercise classes were held in the community, had to be suspended. But it has now gone online, delivering exercise sessions to small groups of people by the online video platform Zoom instead.

If you are interested in finding out more about these sessions, please get in touch with Generation Games on [ggbookings@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:ggbookings@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) or call 01235 849 403. You can also visit the website via [www.generationgames.org.uk](http://www.generationgames.org.uk)

# The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club

**Organiser: Christine Martin**

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

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**Whitchurch & District Theatre Club takes you to musicals, plays, ballets, operas, classical concerts etc. once a month or more. Salisbury, Windsor, Guildford, Stratford and Chichester, amongst others, are often visited. Major London venues and productions. Mainly matinees in the week, but sometimes evening performances and weekends. Holiday 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.**

## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



**Would you like the opportunity to expand your mind, meet new people and learn new skills?**

**U3A (The University of the Third Age) is a UK-wide movement which brings together people in their ‘third age’ to develop their interests and continue their learning in a friendly and informal environment.**

**If you are retired, semi-retired, about to retire or finished raising a family you are welcome to join us. There is no minimum age. We provide opportunities for education, recreation and companionship in a mix of activities of your choosing.**

**Activities and classes vary from group to group. For more information just go to <http://u3asites.org.uk/goring-gap> or phone 01491 872023 (for Goring). Other groups can be found on the U3A website.**

## **Almshouses Sunday Services**

### **Normal Sundays:**

9.00 Said Holy Communion 2nd & 4+5th of the month including prayers for the sick.

11.00 Sung Holy Communion 1st & 3rd of the month, all others - Sung Matins.

**From December** 11.00 Holy Communion

**Christmas Day** 9.00 & 11.00 Holy communion

**Carol Service** 6.00 Dec 20th - outside Chapel around Christmas Tree (All subject to the current regulations)

*All these services are traditional Book of Common Prayer and are open to the public*

The Chapel, Alnutt Alms Houses, Goring Heath, RG8 7RS

Contact: revpeterdewey@yahoo.co.uk

## **Having a Party ?**

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

Contact Jane Diggle  
ginnydiggle@hotmail.com

## **GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you haven't already done so, please head over to our Facebook page which contains useful information for residents. Search for 'Goring Heath Parish News' and 'Like' us to ensure you are kept up to date with any new information that we put on there. If you'd like to publish any news or advertise any events on the Facebook page, please contact the editor at:

**goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com** or you can contact the page directly by clicking on the 'Community' button on the Facebook page.

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See below for dept. phone contacts      [www.southoxon.gov.uk](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk)

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