

GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

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Chairman's comments

As we embark on 2021, we can reflect on the highly unusual year gone and the things we would like to achieve in the year ahead.



Of course everything last year was permeated by Covid and the hugely impressive way the Parish pulled together to mitigate risk and support those most vulnerable. But over and above that, there were a lot of other things going on to protect and enhance the community we live in. Whether making real progress on the reduction in the speed limit through Crays Pond, resurfacing the Parish Hall car park, the improved and more environmentally friendly grass cutting specification, through to simpler little things like the enhanced telephone box libraries and bat boxes at Crays Pond, there was a genuine sense of progress. And over and above this, less visible but equally important, constant vigilance to ensure no inappropriate planning approvals and the protection of our many – and increasingly used - footpaths.

So we now focus on the coming year and look to shape our priorities. Probably our biggest mission is to maintain momentum on seeking wherever possible traffic speed reduction. We will keep an eye on ensuring that the new 30mph speed limit is implemented at Crays Pond as promised. We will also be seeking to influence Oxford County Council Highways Dept to reduce the speed limits through Whitchurch Hill, from the Coombe End crossroads, past the church and towards the hill itself – a challenging project based on previous experience. Over and above that, Parishioners have started to share their “wish-list” with us on improvements that they would ideally like to see happen. We of course do not have a bottomless pot of cash, and we have to ensure any public money is spent carefully and wisely, but funds and grants are available to make appropriate investments. At our Council meeting on 11th February we will agree our expenditure priorities for the financial year from April, so please feel free to share with us any thoughts that you have prior to that time.

In the interim, we look forward to navigating through the latest Covid related restrictions as safely as we can, welcoming the vaccination roll-out programme and hopefully regaining a sense of normality as the year progresses.

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
P20/S4620/AG Mount Pleasant Farm Goring Heath RG8 7TB Erection of portal frame general purpose agricultural building		Approved
P20/S4563/HH Mallory House Shirvells Hill Goring Heath RG87SP Single storey rear extension. Outdoor pool to rear of property and single storey outbuilding.	No strong views	Approved

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.

"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.

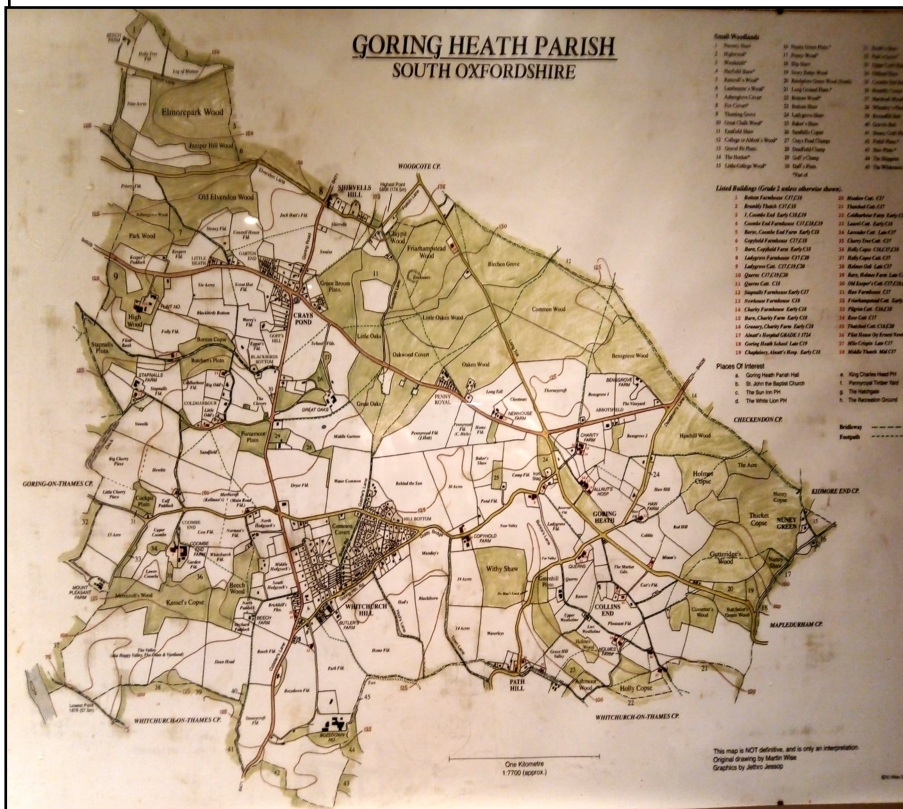
Revd Ben Phillips (Chairman)

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Goring Heath NEWS

Goring Heath Parish Map

February 2021



(pictured: original hand drawn map of the Parish)

We have had much interest in the fine hand drawn map of the parish which was created by Martin Wise about 20 years ago.

As was mentioned in the last Newsletter, we're now arranging for it to be reprinted, and the Parish Council has decided to finance a limited print run of the map. Since Councillor Martin Wise created the map, it has been hanging in the village hall. It shows all the features boundaries of our lovely parish on A1 sized (59.4 x 84.1 cms) thick paper.

If you would like to order your copy, they are available from the Parish Clerk at a cost of £10 each. All proceeds going towards the upkeep of the parish hall.

Just a polite reminder...

Please do not dump leaves and grass cuttings alongside the road.

We have a number of areas in the parish where silt and leaves can accumulate and in some cases can cause flooding of gullies and drains. This is a real problem, especially along Goring Heath Road.

Many thanks.

Goring Heath Parish Council



White Lion, Crays Pond

This won't be news to readers of the Henley Standard, but the appeal by the owner against the nomination of the White Lion as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) was unsuccessful, so the nomination stands. Although this is heartening for the supporters of the White Lion, there is still a long way to go. The status as an ACV simply means that the owner cannot sell the building without first offering it to the community, and there is a moratorium of six months between offering it for sale and selling it to someone else.

The original idea of the ACV process was probably aimed at large corporates, who before the legislation was introduced, were selling off places of importance to the community without any constraint. It's a different situation with the White Lion, as the owner is an individual with apparently different priorities from those that a corporate owner might have. The Community Group is considering the options for a way forward.

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

Felix's Festive Phone Box



On a bright crisp Saturday afternoon in mid-December, young Felix Shepherd of Crays Pond and I had great fun decorating our Phone Box Library for the coming festive season. Felix and younger sister Madeline, delighted in making psychedelic baubles and a beautiful sparkly bon-bon box, full of Christmas sweets for all to enjoy!

Thank-you both for your creative contribution to our community, and helping to make folk smile.

I look forward to more fun creating our next “calendar date”.

Watch this space!!

Beryl Rutherford

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

District Councillor's Comments

The Local Plan has now been adopted, and there has been some criticism of the members of the District Council who were elected last year, such as myself, who voiced opposition to the plan but, when it came to the crunch, did not vote against it. I, with others, abstained from voting. The reason was that the Secretary of State, Robert Jenrick, had the power to approve the plan if the Council did not adopt it. He had made it very clear that not only would he use that power, but that the planning function in South Oxfordshire would then be handed over to the County Council. With such a threat, there was no point in making a meaningless gesture and voting against adoption, but neither was there any purpose in voting to support a plan that I had objected to and which was going to be adopted anyway at that meeting.

Perhaps most readers eyes will have glazed over at this point, so I will say no more about it, as the worst aspects of this plan were about as far from Goring Heath.

Other changes that are happening at the Council include the continued unwinding of the outsourcing contract with Capita, whose poor performance in many matters, for example preparation of the annual accounts, causes great difficulty.

One of the issues locally is the shortage of really affordable housing, and we have started examining the options of actually being a provider of low cost housing.. This is a matter to be handled very carefully, and at the moment we are taking legal advice. Developers have to pay Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and contribute money called S106 when developments are built, and we do now have substantial amounts of these funds available, some of which could possibly be used for this purpose.

I am the Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, and major planning applications get referred to the Committee, as do minor application if objections are raised in a timely manner. All too often the decision is an inevitable, if unpalatable, one, because previous planning consent, Local Planning Policy or government policy makes the option of a refusal foolhardy, as an appeal will result in the same outcome, and costs being awarded against the Council.

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However, there are occasions where the Planning Committee goes against officers' advice, and refuses an application, which when taken to appeal, is also refused by a Planning Inspector. When the decision reflects popular feeling, these results are a source of some satisfaction. It will be where the judgements on matters of design, impact on the area, effect on conservation areas or the countryside are subjective, and a reasonable matter of opinion.

The District Council is now actively involved in trying to control the effects of Covid-19 pandemic, taking on local track and trace when the national service has been unable to contact a local resident who has tested positive, so if you get a call from an 01865 number you don't recognise, it could be about Covid-19. We have also appointed Covid Compliance marshals who will be on duty in town centres and busy areas. They will engage, explain and encourage businesses and members of the public to adhere to Covid-19 guidelines to help keep everyone safe.

Councillor Peter Dragonetti
District Councillor for Kidmore End, Whitchurch, Goring Heath and Mapledurham

***OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE
PARISH HALL AS AN
ALTERNATIVE TO
WORKING FROM HOME***



We have had some interest in the new government initiative which allows community premises to be used as a working environment, and that includes our own Parish Hall. So, if you have been working from home, and the novelty has worn off, you may be interested in 'working at home' from the Parish Hall.

It has good wifi, and of course kitchen and loo facilities, so if you do want to work in a different environment, please get in touch with goringheathparishhall@gmail.com and let us know if this could be of interest. Days and times to be arranged.

Meet the Parish Councillors: This month, Liz Collas



My name is Liz Collas, and I have been on the Parish Council for about five years.

I have lived near the Old Post Office for twelve years, and whilst I love living here, I did feel somewhat detached from the community until I joined the Parish Council.

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful area and I find it rewarding to be part of the team that tries to make Goring Heath a great place to live for everyone.

My main interest is in looking after the footpaths and bridleways in the parish in conjunction with the Chiltern Society. I am the local eyes on the ground, and I always welcome any comments from fellow walkers and riders.

Liz Collas

If you'd like to comment on any local issues, please send your comments to
goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com

SANTA'S VISIT DECEMBER 14TH 2020

Pangbourne Rotary Club brought Santa to visit on Monday 14th December 2020. The big man and his elves flew in to the Recreation Ground and were very jolly, considering how busy he must have been!

The event was very well attended and Pangbourne Rotary Club were very pleased with the amount of money raised. Three lovely ladies from Hill Bottom Close led the carol singing, with teenagers sharing their screens to provide us with the words. Santa was very happy to meet our younger members of the parish, and he was very pleased to tell me that not one of them had been registered on the naughty list.

They have asked us if they can come back next year!



BIRCHEN COPSE

Once again, our lives have become restricted, but we can still do one of the most rewarding activities available in our local area - walking our excellent network of footpaths.

Whilst the paths in our parish are extensive, and generally in good condition (apart from the mud!), there is always room for improvement. To this end, on behalf of the Parish Council, I have now submitted an application for the recognition of three new paths in Birchen Copse and the adjacent woodland.

These three paths are routes through the woods that have been used by local walkers over a very long time. One of them follows a track which was used in the mid 1850's, so this one can certainly claim historical significance as a forest routeway.

When the official map of the 'Rights of Way' was published some paths were not included even though they were in common use. These omissions can now be corrected by applying to have the path added to the official map.

But, as always, there is a snag! There is a cut-off date for applications of 2026, so there is some urgency in making these applications.

Do you have a favourite path which you walk regularly, and have done for many years, which does not seem to be an official path? These official paths are signposted, as footpaths or bridleways, and some, in the woods, have white arrows on the trees. The path you love could be blocked off at any time if it does not have legal status as a 'Right of Way'!

Please do get in contact with me if you are not sure about the status of a path you use, or if you think you know of a path which may be lost in the future without legal backing.

Do not, however, expect instant action. Oxfordshire County Council, who are the authority responsible for all the roads, including footpaths and bridleways, have a backlog of at least ten years in processing the applications. But..this is not a reason not to act now! ...

The footpath application in Birchen Copse was prompted by the fencing of some of the newly owned plots. The remaining plots have not been fenced, which is good news, and the Parish Council is still hoping that the enforcement actions of the team at S.O.D.C. will reduce the non-forestry activity in the woods.

Liz Collas

(Contact details at the back of the Newsletter)

GORING HEATH VOLUNTEER GROUP

Goring Heath Volunteers Update

At the time of writing we are firmly into what we hope will be our final 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 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.



New free phone number



**We are pleased to announce that we have a new free
phone number.**

**Adviceline: 0808 278 7907
Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm free phone number**

Goring Heath WI

We all missed the opportunity to socialise together in the lead up to Christmas, but this did not prevent us managing to generate some Christmas spirit between us, (and I don't mean the alcoholic sort!).

Christmas cards were delivered to members by the Committee, complete with a raffle ticket. Three lucky people received prizes.

A Christmas photographic competition was also organised with Christmas as the theme. This gave plenty of scope for all participants. Deadline for entries was 1 January. Members were given the opportunity to vote electronically on their favourite - so a popular winner can be announced in early February.

It does seem a long time since we were able to meet up as a group but we have still been able to continue our support to a couple of local Institutions.

In November we delivered welcome packs to the RBH for use by patients who are admitted for treatment without any toiletries to hand.

In December we had a collection of food items and these were donated to the Wallingford Food Bank. A total of 15 bags were delivered before Christmas with a further delivery being made in January. Thanks to all who donated, specially non-WI members who heard about the collection and wanted to participate. As the saying goes, "every little helps".



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The Committee are looking ahead to the coming year. Precise planning maybe somewhat difficult - but we shall plan anyway. Where would we be without Zoom? We send our best wishes to fellow WI members and our communities at large. For anyone wanting to know more about us please contact Frances on 01189842162

Sally Bergmann

Community Projects

As Spring approaches the plant stall outside Elsinor, Hill Bottom, will resume. Cuttings and seedlings are over wintering in the greenhouse (and not just ours). Others of course are still to be planted.

Money raised will be donated to TV Air Ambulance and the RNLI.

Sally Bergmann



If you'd like to comment on any local issues, please send your comments to goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com

Garden Waste suspension



South Oxfordshire District Council have had to temporarily delay the start of their garden waste service which was due to commence on 11 January due to reduced staffing levels, and to allow remaining staff to work on the core food and household waste collections.

They are monitoring the situation with a view to restarting this paid-for service as soon as possible to ensure customers are not out of pocket.

They're not able to take on any new garden waste customers at this time, but this will be reviewed again when the situation changes.

South Oxfordshire District Council

Winter Support Scheme

South Oxfordshire District Council have help for people who are struggling to afford food and stay warm this winter.

The Winter Support scheme is available for households who have been hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic. Support is available in the form of advice, supermarket and fuel vouchers or through the direct payment of energy or water bills.

South Oxfordshire residents who are struggling should get in touch with their nearest advice centre for further guidance or if you know of someone who is struggling please tell them to get in touch:

- Citizens Advice – 0300 3309042 (South and Vale)

Only one member (over the age of 18) per household can apply, and they must live in **South Oxfordshire**.

The Winter Support grant will be available from 11 January until the end of March 2021.

To find out more about the Government's COVID Winter Grant Scheme, visit www.gov.uk, and to find out what other support is available to you during the pandemic, please visit our COVID support, advice and guidance pages on our website www.southoxon.gov.uk

Goring Heath Parish Hall - Hall Manager needed

Interested in an opportunity to become more involved in your local community and meeting people?

In anticipation of the hall re-opening post Covid restrictions, we are looking for a Hall Manager to oversee the smooth running of our well-appointed and picturesque hall in Whitchurch Hill: to manage the experience of the hirer from enquiry to function.

This includes handling initial enquiries, meeting potential customers, discussing their requirements, showing the hall, offering advice and the administration of bookings.

A key aspect is conveying feedback from the customers to the committee at quarterly meetings so that issues can be resolved, and recommend improvements to ensure the continued success of the hall.

If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Chris Whatmore (Chairman) on tel 0118 9844022 or email whatmore@talk21.com.



**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S & ST JOHN'S,
WHITCHURCH
(AN INDEPENDENT CHARITY)**

Just as other local organisations, the Friends have not been able to have any social and fundraising events because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we did manage to have a number of socially-distanced workdays at both St Mary's and St John's Churchyards over the past few months. Many thanks to the volunteers who took part in these events.

When considering new projects to finance, the Friends need to work closely with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) as the two church buildings are, of course, their responsibility. At present, the PCC are arranging significant building repairs to St Mary's and assessing possible improvements to St John's. The Friends will need to consider if some financial assistance is appropriate for such developments.

The Friends Trustees have continued to meet through Zoom to ensure that we will be in good shape to resume activities when the pandemic ends.

The Friends AGM took place on the 5th January 2021, again through the use of Zoom and after 5 years as a Trustee and Chairman, I stood down. I am very pleased to report that Geoff Weir was appointed by the membership to become a Trustee at the AGM and that Paul Witcher has agreed to take over the position as Chairman of the Trustees.

The Friends Trustees are now: - Paul Witcher (Chairman), Gordon Painter (Treasurer), Theresa Elsome, Geoff Weir, Ken Baker (PCC nominated), Graeme Pearce (PCC nominated) and Revd. James Leach (ex-officio). Sally Woolhouse continues as Secretary.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to fellow Trustees and all members of the Friends for your excellent support and enthusiasm throughout my 5 years as Chairman.

Keith Williams

Paul Witcher writes: Just a few words to introduce myself to those who don't already know me. Firstly, I must thank Keith for his excellent chairmanship of The Friends over the last 5 years and his trust in recommending that I take over as chairman. ...

I moved into Whitchurch on Thames with my wife Geraldine nearly 25 years ago, having previously lived in west Reading. I am a retired Chartered Building Surveyor and have family and grandchildren living in Somerset and Colorado USA. During my time in the village I have been churchwarden in St.Mary's and St.John's to two previous incumbents, namely Peter Steddon and Claire Alcock, and I played a significant role in obtaining the permission and the development of the Old Stables meeting room from a vacant derelict building into the present day meeting room with an apartment above.

There is no doubt that the forthcoming months will continue to be challenging with regard to fundraising and social events for The Friends, but we will keep everyone posted as the future becomes clearer. I am sorry to see Keith stepping down, but I am very thankful that he leaves an excellent team of trustees and secretary of The Friends.

January 2021

Community Walks

Obviously our community walks on the first Monday of the month have had to be put on hold. The only advantage is that as a group we are avoiding walking through the muddiest part of the year. Bring on the drier, warmer weather, and hopefully less risk, so we can make the most of our beautiful area one more.

Sally Bergmann

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.

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Or email goring.heath.parish.council@gmail.com.



Those of us who have enjoyed looking at the beautifully decorated and wonderfully lit up house in Whitchurch Hill would like to say thank you for lifting our spirits during this difficult time. They've certainly brightened up our daily walks round the village this January!

Spotting Vaccine Fraud Alert

Throughout the pandemic, there have been a lot of scams circulating from people seeking to defraud or trick worried and vulnerable residents.

How to protect yourself: At no point will anyone be asked to pay for the vaccine.

The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details. The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking password. The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine. The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

What to do if you are targeted:

If someone receives a call, they believe to be fraudulent, they should hang up. If an email looks suspicious, do not click on any of the links - forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk.

Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

Anyone who believes they are a victim of a fraud, should report it immediately via actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



If you need to travel to **Reading or Henley** by bus, here are a couple of local Going Forward Bus routes you could use:

Bus Route 145 (Goring to Reading via Whitchurch Hill and Crays Pond) which runs on **Tuesdays** only.

The bus journey starts in Goring, before travelling up to **Whitchurch Hill**, stopping outside The Sun Pub at 09.25. The next stop is **Crays Pond Telephone Box** at 09.29 followed by a stop at **Goring Heath Almshouses** at 09.32. The bus also stops at Cane End, then various points including Caversham Library, before arriving at Blagrove Street, **Reading** (behind Marks and Spencers) at 09.52. It then travels on to **Tesco** (Kings Meadow). It leaves Tesco at 11.20 arriving back in Crays Pond at 11.47 and Whitchurch Hill at 11.50.

Bus Route H1 (Crays Pond to Henley)

This route runs on **Thursdays** only until further notice..

Stopping at the Telephone Box in **Crays Pond** at 09.12, then at various points including Woodcote, Checkendon, Stoke Row, Peppard Common, Sonning Common and Rotherfield Greys before arriving at **Henley Market place** at 09.40 and **Henley Railway Station** (Request). It leaves Henley Market Place at 11:45, arriving at Crays Pond at 12.06

Bus pass holders travel for free, otherwise there is a flat fee of £4 each way—please put the correct money in to the red box. Sorry we cannot give change.

Social distancing must be observed and face coverings must be worn, otherwise you will not be allowed to travel.

Please always check the website as times can change at short notice during these challenging times. Our website goingforwardbuses.com should always have the current timetable in operation. For more information, please call us on 07484 605888 or send an email to littlebluebus@yahoo.com
We wish you safe travelling.

Checkendon Pre-School Happy New year!

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New year and we hope that 2021 will be a better year for us all.

We have really enjoyed celebrating Christmas. With our traditional Nativity taking place, where the children got to be on the stage and sing some of their favourite Christmas songs, while learning about the story of the first Christmas. The Nativity was then recorded for the children to be able to share with their families at home, creating some wonderful treasured memories. The children also enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party with face painting, games and a video call from father Christmas, as well as a traditional Christmas dinner. We would like to thank the Cherry Tree Inn at Stoke Row for kindly donating the children Christmas lunch for this years Christmas party. It was absolutely delicious, and enjoyed by all!

We managed to have a few fundraising events including our Christmas hamper raffle, Kelly's Kandles and with donations for Nativity DVDs we were able to raise £ 363.50. Thank you to all of our families for all of your kindness and continued support.

All money raised will be used to purchase new small world resources to build on resources we already have. Small world resources, as well as being fun, are the ideal platform for nurturing children's imagination from a young age. This play provides them with an opportunity to explore new materials, act out scenarios from real life, build language, practice social skills, and gain an understanding of the world.

We are looking forward to the new term ahead, as always it will be filled with exciting adventures and fun packed activities.

To find out more about Checkendon Pre-School, do visit our website www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk, call us on 01491 682589, e-mail preschoolcheckendon@gmail.com

Kelly Mullins



The Parish Council would like to remind those with dogs of the Ordnance Survey Country Code for Dog Owners, in order to enable us all to enjoy the countryside and keep your dog safe.

1. Ensure your dog is under effective control, which means you have a short lead with you and use it when needed (e.g. around livestock, near cliff edges or where signage requests it). You do not let your dog off the lead unless you keep it in sight and close enough to come back to you on command.
2. Prevent your dog from approaching horse riders, cyclists, or other people and their dogs uninvited.
3. Keep your dog with you on paths or access land and don't let it stray into crops including fields of grass, fruit and vegetables.
4. Never let your dog worry or chase wildlife or livestock.
5. Follow advice on local signs to reduce disturbance to plants and animals.
6. Stay SAFE around farm animals and horses: Stop, look and listen before entering a field; be aware of any animals present. Always keep your dog on a short lead. Find the safest route around animals, giving them plenty of space and using paths or access land where possible. Exit the area calmly and quickly if threatened, releasing your dog to make it easier for you both to reach safety. Always bag and bin your dog's poo wherever you are. You can use any public waste bin or your bin at home.
7. Never leave bags of dog poo lying around, even if you intend to pick them up later. Containers and deodorised bags can make them easier to carry.
8. Ensure your details are on your dog's collar and it is microchipped, so you can be reunited quickly if it is lost.
9. Keep your dog's vaccinations and worming up to date. Ask your vet for more information.

The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club

Unfortunately we are not running events at the moment due to Covid-19 restrictions

Organiser: Christine Martin

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

Tel: 0118 9844252 email whitchurchthetreclub@gmail.com

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:**

(The Chapel is closed and no Services are taking place at the moment—normal services will resume when allowed)

We have now closed the Chapel for Services at Allnutt Alms-houses until further notice due to the increased virulence in the new strain of Covid 19.

Use of the Chapel for private prayer may be arranged through contact with the Chaplain, Rev. Peter Dewey

The Chapel, Alnutt Alms Houses, Goring Heath, RG8 7RS
Contact: revpeterdewey@yahoo.co.uk or
tel: 07784912935

Party hire (for when we can!)

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 it's 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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POLICE	PEC – Non-Emergency Calls	101
POTHOLES	-	0345-3101111

South Oxfordshire District Council New Department Numbers

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