



GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

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Chairman's comments



Your Parish Council has been involved in a wide range of activities over the last month – all with the aim of protecting our community's assets and helping make the environment we live in as pleasant as possible.

The local government structure results in the ultimate decision makers often being at the South Oxfordshire District Council level (Planning) and the County Council level (Highways), but we bring as much influence to bear at the Parish Council level as we possibly can. We have been pushing hard to ensure the reduced speed limit at Crays Pond is implemented as soon as it can be and we continue to seek traffic speed reduction initiatives in Whitchurch Hill. On the planning front, we have ensured that recent requests for footpath diversions have been properly scrutinised and for the community good, and we have engaged with the District and County Councils as the statutory entities to request their support in challenging the request for additional HGV lorries on the local roads.

At a simpler level, we have now pressed the button on refurbishing the many attractive wooden bus shelters in the community, we are seeking to improve the pathway on the slope leading from Crays Pond down to Shirvells Hill, and signed off some small improvements in our play-grounds. We also continue to support volunteer initiatives like the recent refurbishing of the benches at Crays Pond.

Finally, as a Parish Council, we recognise as a public body that our governance processes must be robust, whilst at the same time being proportionate. Our annual audit has just been completed and was fine - this is available for review. We have also used this opportunity to review some other governance areas and for transparency, we are publishing on the website our Code of Conduct which as Councillors we work to. We have also introduced a Complaints Policy. Our next step is to review and adopt deeper data protection processes given the need to be ever more vigilant in this key area.

Chris Jessop
Chairman

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

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.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS APRIL/MAY	Parish Council	Notes
<u>P21/S1835/LB</u> Haw Farm Deadmans Lane Goring Heath RG8 7RX Demolition of existing barn and construction of a new barn.	No Strong Views	
<u>P21/S1721/FUL</u> The Barn Collins End Goring Heath RG8 7RH Two storey barn with one bedroom and two garages.	Pending	
<u>P21/S1373/HH</u> Laurel Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QE To install an inground swim pond of 4.7m long by 2m wide and 1m deep	No Strong Views	
<u>P21/S1774/LB</u> Rose Cottage Path Hill Goring Heath RG8 7RE Proposed demolition of existing side extension and construction of new replacement side extension	Pending	
<u>P21/S1134/HH</u> 1 Church Cottages Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NY2 storey front extension and second storey side extension to form 5 bed family home.	Object	
<u>P21/S1092/HH</u> Conway Cottage Crays Pond RG8 7QG Demolition of existing lean-to extensions and detached outbuilding and construction of new single/two storey side/rear extensions and new carport.	Pending	
<u>P21/S1158/HH</u> Whiteacres Coldharbour Goring Heath RG8 7SY Demolition of storage and kitchen extension, construction of single storey extensions, related alterations and ancillary works. Proposed garden room to be used as home office/gym.	No Strong views	
<u>P21/S1113/HH</u> Old Well Cottage Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PQ Adaptation to current incorrectly built extension roof.	No Strong Views	
<u>P21/S1044/FUL</u> Greenbroom Farm Shop Crays Pond Goring Heath RG8 7FZ Extension of previous planning permission for one vegetable packing shed and two poly-tunnels. This application is for a further 5 year period of temporary planning permission.	No Strong Views	

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.

From Your District Councillor

I am now half way through my term of office as a District councillor, a point that has been marked by the County Council elections. The Oxfordshire result, with the loss of 9 Conservative seats, was out of kilter with much of the country, although similar to results in Surrey and Kent. Many people don't bother to vote in local elections, and if they do, in the absence of any knowledge of the candidates, vote along "tribal" lines. What is apparent is that some of the successful new councillors were elected as a result of making a significant effort to connect with the electorate. I read in the Henley Standard that Stefan Gawrysiak of the Henley Residents Group was returned with 62% of the vote, and that he had 25 people working on his campaign, so he is evidently a popular local politician focusing on local issues.

During the last two years, I have attended nearly all parish council meetings not only in Goring Heath but also in Whitchurch, Mapledurham and Kidmore End. This is really the only way to keep in touch, and to hear about issues of concern and to offer help where I can. Not all District or County Councillors are assiduous as I am in this respect. Recently I was able to financially support projects in all four parishes through the councillor grant scheme, and this only happened because I was on the spot.

There are some changes coming to the management of parking in Oxfordshire, which is one of the few areas in England where the police are still responsible for parking enforcement. After agreement was reached amongst all local authorities in Oxfordshire, the parking enforcement is going to be run by the Council rather than the police, a project called Civil Parking Enforcement, (CPE), which means traffic wardens issuing tickets. This has been a long process to set up, and should be in place before the end of the year. No yellow lines in Goring Heath of course. Still on parking, charges at car parks run by the District Council are changing. If I was spinning this, I would say that this change was making things better, and to some extent it is, in that there is now to be an hours free parking at most of the car parks, including ones at Henley and Wallingford, although the cost for longer stays is increasing by a modest amount. Please check the notices when you park for the new charges.

Councillor Peter Dragonetti

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

**Report for Goring Heath Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
15.04.21**

The past year has been a very strange experience for everyone, and for Going Forward Buses it's been no exception! Two days after the initial lockdown at the end of March 2020 we suspended all our services. Unfortunately we didn't really have the option of 'working from home' or running the bus using Zoom for the three months before we could start operating again on 6th July 2020! We've kept running ever since, with a Tuesday morning service through Whitchurch Hill. Crays Pond and Goring Heath to Reading and back. There has also been a Thursday morning (Market Day) service from Crays Pond to Henley. Numbers in general have been very low, until this week when the bus to Reading was almost full. It seems many of our former regular passengers are starting to venture out again, as they have had their jabs, the weather is improving and all the shops have reopened.

Despite the lockdowns and lack of passenger numbers, key support given by Oxfordshire County Council for the concessionary pass journeys has enabled us to keep going. Up until the end of March they have been reimbursing us at the same rate as before the pandemic, as if passenger numbers have remained the same. We are very grateful for this support. However we knew that it could not continue for ever, and from April 1st the rate now depends on the mileage we operate compared to what we were operating before the pandemic. We are still trying to work out whether we will be able to cover our costs under this new arrangement, and have already looked at ways to increase our mileage in an attempt to make ends meet

One thing we are looking at is whether we could run a second bus providing a second journey to and from Reading on Tuesday mornings; this would help increase our mileage and also increase capacity on the route which could become a problem if even more people want to use the service. This all depends on being able to find drivers. If volunteers were available that would be ideal! In order to drive our 14 seater minibuses all you need is 'D1' on your licence – if you passed your test before January 1997 you should have 'inherited' it, so long as you're under 70 years (after which you need to undertake a medical to retain it).

The current draft timetable envisages a bus starting from Goring at 09.00 and finishing there at 14.20, although this could easily be shortened to just 10.00 to 13.20. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please do get in touch, preferably by email (contact details below). Any ladies particularly welcome as so far we only have male drivers!

As always, we are very grateful for the support Goring Heath Parish Council has continued to give us during this difficult period, and also the contributions we have received from Goring Heath Almshouses over the past year. 'Every little helps', as they say! We look forward to things returning to something a bit more like 'normality' over the next year, and hope to welcome you on board soon!

Mike Ward

Managing Director Goring Forward Buses CIC

Website: goingforwardbuses.com

Email: littlebluebus@yahoo.com

Telephone for bus service enquiries: 07484 605888



Going Forward Buses

We are looking to recruit another driver .

If this is something that interests you and you'd like to find out more, please contact Mike Ward at the above email address/phone number.

Goring Heath Community Response to Covid 19

We are very glad to be able to say that we are disbanding!

There has always been such a wonderful community response here in Goring Heath, with many people volunteering their time to pick up prescriptions, organise shopping and essential items, helping out in any way that was safe and essential. Many people offered to help but not so many needed help. It soon became apparent that we had more volunteers than requests! It was very soothing to know that our older and more vulnerable people in the parish had support from friends, neighbours and family, and that the whole community were ready and willing to respond as the crisis evolved.

Many thanks to our Organisers, Chris and Sally Bergmann and Chris Uden for dealing with volunteer offers and requests for help and matching the two so effectively. Thanks to Chris for adapting and updating the website, and to Sue and Isobel for holding the phone. Thank you to Louise and the local General Practice Surgeries for providing such an important service to us all over the last year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, and apologies to those who had nothing to do! Lastly, thanks to everyone involved with the egg donation station, what an eggcellent idea that was!

Amanda Holland

Clerk
Goring Heath Parish Council

Woodcote Library

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Thursday 9.30 am—12.30 pm

tel: 01491 682323

Meet the Parish Councillors: This month, Martin Wise

I have lived at Coombe End since 1975 and worked locally as a Gardener and Coppice Worker since 1982.

In 1983 I was co-opted onto the Parish Council. My specialist areas of activity have been in Environmental and Bio-diversity issues. I very much subscribe to the "Think globally, act locally" philosophy and have tried to bring that to the myriad issues that the Parish Council tries to resolve.

Martin Wise

Councillor Nick Henry

It is with a tinge of sadness and regret that GHPC reports the resignation of one of our longest serving Councillors Mr Nick Henry. Nick was interested in many areas of Parish Council work, and was always a calm and informed voice.

We wish him and his family all the best in pastures new.

Whitchurch Hill Women's Institute

It feels as though a lot has happened since I last wrote this article.

We've had two garden photographic flowers of the month competitions. As with all good competitions the results were close, with Jilly Green and Tricia Clapp so far accruing a win a piece. Whether you like blue pansies or bee popular crocus - there was something to catch everyone's eye and the voting reflected the diversity of entries. In May we look forward to this competition in real rather than virtual time. We plan to meet as a collective group on the village green and bring along our floral entries in real vases - to be voted on in person.

Whilst we met in three different locations in April it will be great to meet as one again this month. Covid rules will of course be strictly followed but being all together will allow us a chance to renew friendships, and to follow our normal meeting routine a little more closely. One of the important topics will be how best to celebrate the arrival of summer and more freedoms, as well as addressing the structure for future get togethers.

In the meantime the jigsaw lending "library" still prevails and we have a word link challenge underway for members to try. For those who prefer to be outdoors, sunflower seeds have been provided to see whose flower will turn out the tallest. All we need is the weather to warm up to give things a chance to grow!

Of course the WI is not all about cakes, craft, and gardening. As a national organisation we have a significant role to play in much wider issues. So, you may be interested in making new friends, but also interested in learning more about the WI itself. You might wonder how as an organisation we play our part in influencing governments of the day and how we do that? For more information please ring Francis on 01189842162.



Photo courtesy of Tricia Clapp

Perhaps we might see you at one of our future meetings.



Photo
courtesy of
Jill Green

Goring Heath Bowls Club

Over the winter, the Goring Heath Bowls Club, who play at The Almshouses in Goring Heath, has amalgamated with the Goring Bowling Club, who play at The Gardiner Recreation Ground in Goring. The new super-club is called the Goring and Almshouses Bowls Club, and for this year at least will continue to use both greens, with regular practice sessions and roll-ups at both.

- 2pm Mondays at The Almshouses
- 6pm Mondays at Goring
- 2:30pm Tuesdays at Goring
- 6pm Fridays at The Almshouses

We also play our friendly matches at The Almshouses and our league matches at Goring.

You can find out more on our new website: <https://gabowls.weebly.com>
Or email gabowlsclub@gmail.com or phone our the secretary, David Watson, on 07989 402190.

We welcome anybody interested to come and have a few try-outs at one of our regular sessions on either green.



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

***Community Walks* - We are back!**

It was lovely to be able to enjoy the beautiful bluebells on our first walk of 2021.



With the ground so dry twelve of us (plus two dogs) enjoyed a ramble though our local wood, across Pennyroyal and Long Toll before returning via a different route. For this walk we were in two groups of six, but June should see us all as one group again.

There was plenty of chitchat as we walked - so much to catch up on after a lapse of nearly six months.

If you fancy joining us we generally meet the first Monday of the month at 10am outside the Sun Pub. To confirm the next walk,

For further details, feel free to ring Sally on 07585195669 if you want to know more.

what3words App

This is a useful free app that pinpoints your exact location to within a 3 metre area, anywhere in the world. Every 3 metre square of the world has been given a unique combination of 3 words which, when needed, can be used for a variety of purposes. These include pinpointing an area for navigation, recreation or locating someone in an emergency.

Makeover for Crays Pond benches

Alejandro Donnai Jessop refurbished the two benches at Crays Pond during early May as part of his community service for the Duke of Edinburgh award. The benches received some much needed TLC as they were sanded down, varnished and the metal work painted. The plaque commemorating the Queen's Silver Jubilee near the pond was also cleaned up and painted.



We always enjoy hearing about local projects..

Please get in touch if you'd like to share your experiences of getting involved and making a difference within your local community.

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Flower Stall for Charity

Since the beginning of March many of you will have seen a flower stall outside Elsinor on Hill Bottom, raising money for the RNLI and TV Air Ambulance.

A huge thank you to (in particular) Liz Gibson, Theresa Elsome, Val Cantrell and Wendy Blow for the many plants donated for sale. Never was the saying “I couldn’t have done it without you” been more true.

Other folk too have added to the selection and so many people have generously bought from the stall, helping the total raise to over **£180** at the time of writing this article.

The stall will continue, particularly whilst we are in the vegetable sowing season - with excess vegetable plants being offered for sale as they become available.

Many thanks to you all.

Sally Bergmann



Goring Heath Parish Hall

Goring Heath Parish Hall is re-opening!

Having been locked up for a year, the Parish Hall has now been fully prepared and we are looking forward to reopening completely from 21st June. Before then we are already open in a limited capacity where guidelines permit the activity.

If you are interested in booking the Hall for a gathering, or restarting your society, please email bookings@goringheathparishhall.uk

Please don't delay as requests are coming in fast!



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.

Help needed checking Hartslock sheep

Would you be keen to have a weekly walk on a beautiful nature reserve to help us check our sheep?

For those of you who are not familiar with it, Hartslock Nature Reserve is a beautiful south facing slope of chalk grassland, located approximately a mile west of Whitchurch Hill along the bridleway to Gatehampton and Goring. Rich in wildflowers and butterflies, Hartslock is managed by The Berks, Bucks, and Oxon Wildlife Trust and known for its rare orchids and stunning views over the River Thames.

Mainly carried out by teams of volunteers and our lovely flock of sheep, we do a lot of work at Hartslock to keep the habitats in tip top condition. Tasks including clearing areas of encroaching scrub and brambles, maintaining pathways, gates and fences, and managing the vegetation. The sheep are a very important part of our team, grazing the grassland and encroaching scrub. Chalk grassland characteristically has shallow soils, lime rich, nutrient poor, with short vegetation. The flora and fauna at Hartslock thrive due to this and the carefully timed grazing and management.

We currently have a very friendly flock of Hebridean sheep at Hartslock, but we also use Shetland and Beulah sheep. These are hardy traditional breeds, all used to being out in all conditions, and grazing steep slopes.

The livestock are checked on a daily basis by a rota of kind volunteers, and at least once a week by BBOWT staff. Our stockwatchers are invaluable, without them we would be unable to carry out the essential grazing management on our nature reserves. A stockwatcher's main aim is to make sure the animals are all there, looking well, and are secure within the reserve with sufficient water. Stockwatchers generally commit to one day a week as part of a rota. Checks need to be carried out in daylight with at least 2 hours daylight remaining in order for us to respond to a livestock emergency.

We are currently looking for extra help, so if this appeals to you, please get in touch so we can discuss more details. No previous experience needed, and we will go through a full induction on site.

Kelly Hedges
Warburg Reserve Warden
kellyhedges@bbowt.org.uk
01491 642001

Annual report for Goring Heath Parish Hall Meeting— 15.4.21

The Parish Hall committee is looking for a new manager, so while we are between managers you have me! For those who do not know me I am Chris Whatmore and am chair of the Parish Hall Management Committee.

Last year

Starting with the last year there is little to report. Although we made two attempts to make the hall ready for re-opening following the regulations and guidance in force we were thwarted by the direction the pandemic took. However this planning can be reviewed and we hope for success next month.

Opening

Two key dates 17th May and 21st June when proposed changes to regulation will enable us to start to make a return to normal. However first, as you know, we had the election in early May.

Regulars

Val Edson – Senior Circuits has stopped

Vanessa Mansergh – Pilates would like to start again Monday morning and Tuesday early evening from 21st June.

Women's Institute have pencilled their slots from July

History Society similarly from September

We are hopeful Tots on the Hill will restart but not certain yet. In meantime holding their regular slot for the moment.

Other Bookings

I can confirm though, in addition to the attached AGM update, that starting next week we have Kinecroft dance on Thursdays and Michele's Friday Pilates class re starting.

Maintenance and plans

Over the year minor maintenance tasks have been performed as they were identified in weekly checks. Checks that were a requirement of our building insurance.

Major imminent work is to re-felt the rear roof which is showing signs of seepage. One estimate has been obtained and another being sought. More major plans being investigated are to equip the hall with screen and audio system. The aim being two-fold: one to be able to screen films and secondly to host mixed virtual and physical meetings.

Perhaps this meeting next year! It would also enable the sharing of plans and documents for discussion, conference style.

As expected with a hall of this age we also anticipate expenditure of a more prosaic nature for maintenance.

Finances

Which finally brings me to finances.

These are in good shape thanks to grants applied for and received by the hall from SODC. This will more than cover our expenses for the last year where we had no bookings income and is why we feel in a position to consider these projects.

Advert

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Annual Report from Goring Heath Brownies and Guides—15.4.21

Guides and Brownies

Guides and Brownies have met at every opportunity during the Covid 19 pandemic with a mixture of mostly online and some face-to-face meetings where allowed and under strict risk assessments. They have coped remarkably well with this change and have joined all meetings with great enthusiasm.

Brownie zoom highlights are playing “guess who” wearing lots of props and with much laughter, making a cake in a mug, visiting an animal centre and a reptile centre learning to draw characters, origami, learning decoupage, - lemonade scones, having a virtual sleepover and a virtual camp, doing scavenger hunts and playing lots of games online, “duck racing” being a favourite.

Guide zoom highlights include playing Easter bingo and winning lots of chocolate, doing a Harry Potter escape room, taking part in the Science Careers Challenge badge, visiting Mars on this challenge and learning how to land a planet rover, visiting an animal centre and taking part in an Oxfordshire wide virtual camp, celebrating International Women's Day, discussing gender stereotypes, making a pizza in a mug, toasting marshmallows and making s'mores and a virtual camp fire which was so out of sync it was hilarious!

We really enjoyed seeing each other face-to-face when we returned to the hut in May.

Also, we need some new Brownie leaders and the Brownies came up with a job description personal specification as follows:

A Brownie Leader needs to be fun, caring, patient, kind, calm, helpful and on time. Which isn't a huge list. If anyone is interested or wants to find out more please email [**goringheathguiding@gmail.com**](mailto:goringheathguiding@gmail.com)

Doreen Pechey
(Scouts, Brownies and Guides)

Whitchurch Arts and Craft Exhibition

If it does take place ‘live’ it will be on the weekend of the 20/21st November—more details to follow.

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Annual Report from Goring Heath Scouts—15.4.21

During the last year scouts have been using their initiative to keep their troop going. 10 scouts did their best and raised £1408.00 for the troop. To raise funds they came up with their own projects. One scout decided to improve the environment by picking up litter everyday in Woodcote, another scout delivered emergency parcels to those in need. A scout set up an online candle business with profits going to the troop, others walked, kayaked, roller bladed, baked and held sales to raise funds. You can see all the fund-raising initiatives on Go Fund Me, Scouts Do Their Best.

At the beginning of the pandemic scouts made natural hand sanitiser to take home, it was very hard to source at the time.

During the pandemic scouts have been meeting every week on Zoom. They have been talking to American scouts from Long Island and scouts from the Czech Republic discussing cultural differences and current issues. They have made their own videos and skits to educate others and provide entertainment.

Activities ranged from metal work, constructing tipi tapis (hands-free washing contraptions) to Morse code to Pilates. They have earned over 100 badges, which is quite incredible under the circumstances (as scout badges are not so easy to attain).

As I write this we are planning to return to face to face activities. We will be outdoors working towards the Expedition Challenge Badge and the Outdoor Challenge Badge, making the most of the fresh air!

Doreen Pechey
Scouts, Brownie and Guides

Cllr Jo Robb appointed as a new Chair .

South Oxfordshire District Council has appointed Cllr Jo Robb as new Chair , with Cllr David Turner appointed as the Vice Chair, at its Annual Council Meeting.

Cllr Jo Robb is the Ward Councillor for Woodcote and Rotherfield and also has the role of River Thames Champion, encouraging sustainability and improving access to the River. In this role, Cllr Robb is helping to tackle water quality concerns and enhance the biodiversity and cleanliness of the river system in the district.

**Annual Report from Goring Heath Cubs and Beavers—
15.4.21**

Cubs

The Cubs have had a year of zoom: origami; knots; scavenger hunts; quizzes; photo contests; and games. We've lost a few who are not good on zoom but we are now meeting outside.

Beavers

The Beavers didn't do anything during the first lockdown; the parents agreed that six- to eight-year-olds would not take well to Zoom. In September we had half meeting face to face and the other half on Zoom, and then swapped over. For example, the Beavers have been on evening hikes (in the dark!) with the other group learning how to read maps and use a compass. By this time, the Beavers were more used to Zoom, and the Leaders soon discovered what was needed – more cooking and crafts than usual, to encourage more active participation, so we made Christmas Tree decorations. From January to Easter the Beavers had been just Zooming, but have been meeting outside since Easter.

There was a Birds evening making fat balls, and of course making mug cakes. For Burns' Night, Beavers made shortbread and learned The Highland Fling. St Patrick's Day saw Beavers learning map reading and an Irish Jig. Boxes and cards were made for Mothering Sunday, and the term ended with an Easter Egg hunt.

Group Scout Leader

We have had a challenging year, but all sections have now got to grips with Zoom. Our numbers have remained relatively high. Our Sections are now back to meeting outside. We are on the look out for new staff as we currently need a New Chairman and a Secretary. If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact Doreen Pechey on 01491681236



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

**PARISH OF GORING HEATH
NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF**

PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there is a casual vacancy on the above Council caused by the resignation of Cllr Nick Henry.

The vacancy will be filled by election if, within fourteen days of the date of this notice, any ten local government electors for the said parish submit a written request to the Returning Officer, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon OX14 4SB.

In computing the fourteen days, a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday, or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning, shall be disregarded.

If no written request for an election is received by the Returning Officer within the time specified, the vacancy will be filled by co-option by the Parish Council

Dated this 12th May 2021

Signed

Amanda Holland
Clerk to the Parish Council

Further information available at:
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Sung Matins 2nd & 4th & 5th of the month.

All Services are taken from the 'Book of Common Prayer'.

Chaplain: Rev. Peter Dewey – 07784912935 - Text/call

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