

GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

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Chairman's comments



As Ralph Emerson, the American essayist said, “ the first wealth is health” . If that is the case, then living in Goring Heath provides us with the opportunity to be the wealthiest people around.

As someone who works in healthcare, I am more than aware that the science has never been more compelling about just how important it is for us to invest in our health and wellbeing. Everything ranging from helping build resilience to Covid related viruses, reducing the risk of cognitive decline and supporting our mental health, through to maintaining our energy and physically being able to do the things we want to, all can be positively influenced. The deterioration of aging and life-style disease is not a given. Whether staying active, eating well, living in a non-toxic environment or simply socialising, all can contribute hugely to our wellbeing.

To that extent, living in Goring Heath is in-effect like living in one giant health club. The opportunities for activity are numerous from superb walks, great running, cycling and horse riding, a beautiful bowling green, through to classes on the recreation ground and in the parish hall, as well as personal trainers, the Parish has it all. The Greenbroom Growers Coop in Crays Pond delivers organic produce to your door or you can visit its farm shop. There are all manner of clubs to allow you to meet like-minded people and even quiz evenings to keep that brain sharp. And then there is the environment itself – some of the lowest levels of pollutants in the UK and some really stunning spots to simply sit, gaze, reflect and chill. All of this is on your doorstep and most either free or at minimal cost.

We really are fortunate to be living in such a great location. It might not mean of course that we are the wealthiest, but there are certainly no excuses to not embrace all the health and wellbeing opportunities that the Parish has to offer and be the best that we can be.

Stay well.

Chris Jessop

Chairman

Planning Decisions July/August/September 2021

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	Notes
<u>P21/S3770/D</u> Technology Centre, Boztdown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Demolition of pump house. A single-storey building with pipework and machinery inside.	No Strong Views	
<u>P21/S3661/HH</u> Perran Crays Pond RG8 7QE Erection of single storey rear garden room extension to main house. Erection of single storey studio at rear of garage	No strong views	
<u>P21/S3515/HH</u> Hurst Cottage Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PL New garage, first floor and loft extension (over existing side extension) and single storey rear/side extension	Objection	
<u>P21/S3230/FUL</u> Charities Office Goring Heath RG8 7RS Enlargement of Bowling Green from 33m long x 15m wide (3 bowls rinks) to 33m long x 20m wide (4 bowls rinks). Addition of entry gate in western corner of the green. Although the green will be re-laid in the process, the overall appearance will be unchanged. The surrounding fence will also be extended to provide a 2m fence around the perimeter.	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.

?? Quiz Night ??

**Goring Heath Parish Hall
Saturday 27th November
at 7.30pm**

We've missed you!

Don't miss out on the now famous
Mike Holland Quiz Night!

Get your team of about six
together and then book your table

0119 9842056 and leave a
message, or email
telsome@icloud.com

There will be food and drinks to
stimulate the brain!

Cost £12 per person

See you there!

From Your District Councillor

What do Nando's, Greggs, McDonalds and South Oxfordshire District Council have in common ? The answer, in case you hadn't worked it out, is that all have been affected by the sudden shortage of HGV drivers. The SODC service that has been hit by this issue is the waste service, as all our collection vehicles are HGV. Biffa, our contractor for this service has been unable to provide the drivers needed when the normal drivers are either on holiday or self isolating because of Covid. In the past, Biffa would use one of several agencies that provide temporary drivers, many of whom would be European. Following Brexit, and then Covid and better wages back home in Europe there are simply no drivers available.

Unlike Nando's or Greggs, our specialist vehicles cannot be replaced by smaller vehicles that don't need HGV licences to drive them, and we also have a regular pattern of services with thousands of expectant home owners looking for a collection on a particular day. This pattern of a regular service cannot be changed, as it's a certainty that a chaotic situation would develop before long that could take weeks to sort out.

So what has happened is that all Biffa staff, managers, supervisors etc that are available have been drafted in to support the service, and people have been working long days and weekends to keep things going. SODC is not the only council facing this problem, there are many others that are in a similar position.

At such times, difficult decisions have to be made; the garden waste service is not a statutory obligation, although users have to pay for it. Not everyone has a brown bin, but everyone has the grey and the green bin. And, if not collected, garden waste is rarely as unpleasant as other waste. If you have a brown bin, you usually have a garden and thus probably some space to put the garden waste to one side. This would not really be an option for the contents of the green, grey or food waste bins.

So, the tough decision was taken to go for the least worst option, and concentrate our resources on the most important forms of waste that everyone pays for through Council Tax.

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I cannot, at the time of writing, say what will happen next, but I hope that everyone will be tolerant and understanding. So far, that is exactly what has happened, and I thank you all.

If you are not contacted by the Council, you should find the latest information on the SODC website or via Social Media.

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

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

VOLUNTEER TO CHANGE LIVES!



Enrych is a charity that supports adults with a physical disability to enjoy the most active and independent lives possible.

Could you spare up to an hour a week to befriend somebody and support them with an activity, such as visiting a garden centre or going for a coffee?

For more information or if you think you could help, please do get in touch!

JOEL DRAPER
07707030220 - joel.draper@enrych.org.uk Visit
www.enrychoxfordshire.org.uk for more details

WI Litter Pick

On a bright and sunny day, Whitchurch Hill WI undertook a litter pick around the village to mark Great Big Green Week.

Participants are pleased to report that there was not too much litter to pick up - thanks to those who regularly collect as they exercise themselves and/or their dogs.

Left to right in picture:

Sally Bergmann, Eileen Busby, Frances Strange, Jane Kennard, Liz Gibson, Sandra Atack, Ken Atack. Photographer- Nigel Busby.



The Chiltern Society

From organised walks, bell ringing, afternoon teas in historic houses, crime author talks, brewery tours, activities for children and so much more. You can get a full programme of events at <https://chilternsociety.org.uk>. Events do seem to get sold out quite quickly!

Remembrance Day Service 2021

Every year there is a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial. (B471 on the hill between Whitchurch and Whitchurch Hill) It is an opportunity to remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.



The road is closed between 10.45 and 11.15 to allow wreaths to be laid. All are welcome at the Service.

Playground Equipment on The Recreation Ground, Whitchurch Hill.

The Parish Council have been looking at the possibilities of adding a new piece of equipment to our existing provision for some time. For a variety of reasons, there has been no progress on this. At the last Parish Council meeting, we had a request to consider this question again— indeed, it was asked if we could consider some replacements.

The current playground was installed 20 years ago, and it is now needing some care and attention. Co-ordinating residents' and users' views, deciding on equipment that suits, and getting quotations and contracts and the necessary funding is quite an undertaking. Would you be willing to help us get this done? What are your views on this? Please email the clerk at goringheathparishcouncil@gmail.com

Defibrillator

Just to remind everyone that should there be a medical emergency, the Parish Defibrillator is located at the Parish Hall on Goring Heath Road. It has full instructions on how to access help and how to use it in an emergency as part of the service. For further information and any questions please email the clerk at goringheathparishcouncil@gmail.com

Our Woodcote Library— Celebrating 30 years – and the future

On Saturday 2nd October the library is celebrating its 30th birthday, and looking forward to the future. Please come from 11 o'clock and raise a (non-alcoholic) glass, look at our archives and current displays and perhaps sign on for the Book Club, or hear about the chance to be an OWL volunteer.

Since it opened in 1991 the library has played an important role in the life of the village. Housed in the old school, it replaced a once-a-week mobile library for residents and also the library at Langtree School. It was the first joint use library in South Oxfordshire.

Its success was instant and over the years has been the focal point for many activities. Looking at the archives, there are many photos of Storytimes, often involving dressing up as pirates (especially the staff).

There were science talks, art and history sessions by staff of the Ashmolean, displays of work by local artists, and Jan Clegg's quilts, hanging from the beams.

The Langtree connection brought children's authors to the library such as John Foster and Geraldine McCaughrean, and the shadowing of the Carnegie award – usually involving a disagreement with the official result!

The library was where the condolence book for the Princess of Wales was placed in 1997, and in 2000 an internet terminal appeared for general use, at 50p for half an hour.

Despite its outstanding success, it has been threatened with closure as Council funding has declined. The 1997 threat was resolved with a small reduction in opening hours but the 2011 crisis was more serious. OWL (Our Woodcote Library) was inaugurated in January 2011 to campaign against closure and then became a "Friends" group in 2014, committed to volunteering in support of the staff. Only the pandemic has closed the library!

The good news is that the library's opening hours are now fully restored, and activities are set to begin again. Would you like to be part of the library's future? Have you a few hours a month to volunteer in a friendly, safe and interesting environment? If you'd like any more information, please talk to the library manager, or ring 01491 682323

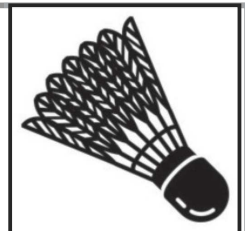
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Woodcote Library

Woodcote Badminton Club

We are a small friendly group of Badminton players who meet at the Woodcote Village Hall on Monday evenings.



Players include residents from Crays Pond, Whitchurch Hill, as well as Woodcote and Goring .

If you have a knowledge of the game and would be interested in joining us between 7-30 and 9-30pm please either come along or contact Ken Rook on 01491 680472 .

We will be re-starting our evenings from late September 2021 and playing through until March next year.

Pangbourne Art Group Annual Exhibition – 16th and 17th October

Pangbourne Art Group will be holding its annual exhibition at the village hall in Pangbourne on the weekend of 16th and 17th October, from 10am to 5pm on both days.

- Original art, prints and greetings cards for sale.
- Refreshments available.
- A chance to meet the artists.
- 50p entrance fee, which will be donated to charity.

This is always a popular event that attracts many visitors who enjoy viewing and buying works of art. Many of the artists will be there to demonstrate and talk about their work.

We hope to see all our old friends and supporters and lots of new ones too.



Community Speedwatch

Most of us are only too aware of the increasing problem of speeding traffic.

The Police clearly do not have the resources to enforce speed limits or pursue offenders.

In response to this, there is a shift in the way we can tackle this problem. This involves enhanced community involvement.

97% of speeding offences are detected by fixed cameras, known to both commuters and locals. They have little effect on areas not covered by them.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join, with the support and supervision of the Police, to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

The keepers of those offending vehicles are contacted by the Police and informed of the risks and potential consequences of their antisocial behaviour. Repeat offenders are visited by Police Officers. Beyond this 'friendly' approach, criminal prosecution will follow based on collated evidence.

Speedwatch is not about interfering with neighbours' activities; it is a proactive solution to improve safety and quality of life for everyone.

If you would like to be involved in this effective way to make our communities safer and more pleasant places, then visit www.communityspeedwatch.org, read about the scheme and contact the Parish Council at goring.heath.parish.council@gmail.com who will collate volunteers names etc.

Martin Wise

Victor Berlemont Cycle Race

Sunday August 22nd was the date that saw many competitors taking part in the Victor Berlemont Trophy Road Race. The race, at 112 miles, is the longest National B event cycle race in the UK and as part of the route, passes through Woodcote/South Stoke/ and Goring. It circuits the area going through Crays Pond five times. The winner receives £200 plus the Victor Berlemont Trophy and there are other prizes for the fastest cyclists up Flint Hill who actually finish the hill!

They had plenty of loud support to cheer them on and it's amazing how fast they go, particularly after coming up from Goring.

Nick Elsome



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Goring Heath Parish Council are asking members of the public for ideas to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These will take place over the extended Bank Holiday weekend between the 2nd to the 5th June. If you would like to share your ideas, please get in touch with the Clerk, at goringheathparishcouncil@gmail.com

High Speed Broadband

At the Goring Heath Parish Council meeting on the 14th September, a representative from Airband high speed internet presented on Project Gigabit. If you'd like some more information, follow the links below.

[Project Gigabit: Open Market Review](#)



**Digital Infrastructure
Programme**
Better connectivity for Oxfordshire



The government is on a mission to deliver lightning-fast, reliable broadband to everyone in the UK and is investing £5 billion in Project Gigabit to ensure that hard-to-reach communities are not left out.

Building Digital UK (BDUK) is carrying out an Open Market Review (OMR) in five areas including Oxfordshire and West Berkshire to help identify premises that may be suitable for future public funding for gigabit-capable broadband.

BDUK is seeking information and supporting evidence from suppliers about the presence of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure within the project areas. We actively encourage you to respond to this OMR if you have existing network coverage or plan to build infrastructure within the next three years.

For more information, please see BDUK's page below:

Email: broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk

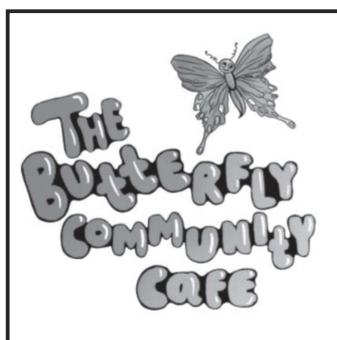
Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Web: www.digitalinfrastructureoxfordshire.co.uk

Science and Ideas Festival—9th—26th October

IF Oxford, the city's science and ideas Festival returns in October with a mix of 100 in-person and digital events for all ages. With a wide range of topics from the chemistry of cooking to stories of animal migration, and advances in medical technology to the science of whisky distilling, there will be something to appeal to all.

Bookings are open now at www.if-oxford.com



The Butterfly Community Café C.I.C Founded by Jennie Kettell

Local Mum, Jennie Kettell from Whitchurch Hill has formed a not-for-profit community interest company to set up a coffee van to teach life/work skills to young people with severe/specific learning difficulties.

She says, “There are many teenagers in special needs schools across the country who are able to learn and apply skills but need extra time and patience from others to be able to do so. The Office of National Statistics (2019) states that only 0.8% of people aged 16-64 with SLD are in any type of employment. This is a shocking statistic, and we need to do something about it!”

Working for a real business means that the students will learn many skills that they need and from an earlier age than they would normally get work experience. This means that they can learn at their own pace. Not all these pupils will have the burning desire to work in a coffee shop one day, but this enterprise is so much more than that!

The young people accessing this venture will learn the following life/work skills that can be applied to many forms of employment, including: -

Communication skills

Meeting new people & friends.

Working as part of a team

Decision making

Food and drink preparation

Hygiene and safety

Functional numeracy and literacy

Money handling

Experience of running and contributing to a real business.

Baking cakes and biscuits

Gain industry recognised certification to take on to other employers

Jennie is currently trying to raise funds to buy a second-hand van and to get it converted. If you would like to offer any support or make a donation, please visit www.thebutterflycommunitycafe.com, where you will find more information.

A great weekend of sunshine, steam and music at The Sun over the Bank Holiday.





RG8 Badminton - Back in Business!

We're all delighted to be back in business after 18 months away from court. There was a lot of badminton played on our first night back - balanced by a lot of chat catching up with members lives during the eventful 'rest period'.

We welcome new members. If you've played before and are looking for some competitive exercise in a friendly setting why not get in contact now? Ring Julie Drury on 07980 413026 or visit our club website for more information www.rg8badminton.co.uk

We take all necessary precautions to be Covid compliant in strict adherence to Badminton England recommendations. We play on Thursday evenings at the Langtree Community Hall and welcome both seniors and juniors from 14 years old. We keep our fees to a minimum equivalent to around £3 per evening with half price for juniors.

Chris Usden

Home Library Service

Would you like to borrow library books but are unable to visit the library? The Home Library Service is run from Oxfordshire County Council and serves 700 customers throughout the county.

How it works

Contact us to discuss the kind of Books, Large Print/Regular Print, DVDs, Audio Books on CD, Music CD or DVD's, that you like to read or enjoy. We can then arrange for a library volunteer to deliver these to you in your home. Our volunteers are DBS checked, wear an identification badges and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, we try and arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time. Your library materials will be delivered and collected every 3 weeks. The Home Library Service is free of charge, and there is no charge for requests or late returns.

How to register

To register for this service or for further information call your local library or telephone the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Whitchurch Hill Women's Institute



It is lovely to be able to report that, despite the mixed weather this summer, we have managed to continue our monthly meetings outdoors, without getting too wet. It is true to say that sometimes we felt a little chilly - but with what else is going on in the world - that is not much to moan about.

We have continued to make regular donations to the Wallingford Food Bank, and wash bag items (in the form of welcome packs) for the Royal Berkshire Hospital. Nearer to home we have enjoyed scones and strawberry jam for elevenses, a pub lunch and walk, a sunflower growing competition (won by Frances Strange) as well as run book and sales tables for members to enjoy.



We have a number of plans for September's Great Big Green Week - from litter picking to recycling/upcycling items, and promoting the benefits of wearing preloved clothes and jewellery.

In October we hope to return to regular meetings indoors - in Goring Heath Parish Hall. A talk is scheduled to take place on Millinery - a topic some of us have never touched on before.

If you would like to join us for any of these events - or would just like to know more about us, please ring Frances on 01189842162.

If you are interested in learning more, please do contact Frances on 01189842162

Sally Bergmann

Can you spot Frances Strange with her winning sunflower?

GOING FORWARD BUSES**142-8 Goring to Reading****via Beale Park, Whitchurch Hill & Caversham****REVISED TIMETABLE From 6th September 2021****TUESDAYS ONLY**

GORING Railway Station Forecourt	09:08	09:45	11:25	12:40
Swan Hotel/Streatley Traffic Lights		09:47		12:42
Lower Basildon Park Wall Lane		09:50		12:45
Basildon Park A329 entrance		09:51		12:46
Beale Wildlife Park A329 entrance		09:52		12:47
PANGBOURNE, Railway Stn, A329		09:54		12:49
PANGBOURNE, The George PH		09:55		12:50
Whitchurch-on-Thames, Greyhound		09:57		12:52
Whitchurch Hill, The Sun PH		10:01		12:56
Crays Pond	09:12	10:05	11:29	13:00
Goring Heath Almshouses	09:14	10:07		
Highmoor Road	09:24	10:17	11:39	13:10
Caversham Library	09:28	10:21	11:43	13:14
READING Blagrove St Stop EO/EP	09:33	10:28	11:50	13:21
READING Friar Street Stop FC	R	R	R	R
READING Station Road, Stop SB	R	R	R	R
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READING Friar Street Stop FC	09:39	10:55	12:17	13:22
READING Station Road, Stop SB	X	X	X	X
Caversham Library	09:44	11:00	12:22	13:27
Highmoor Road	09:46	11:02	12:24	13:29
Goring Heath Almshouses		R	R	R
Crays Pond	09:58	11:15	12:37	13:42
Whitchurch Hill, The Sun PH	10:01		12:40	
Whitchurch-on-Thames, Greyhound	10:05		12:44	
PANGBOURNE, The George PH	10:07		12:46	
PANGBOURNE, Railway Stn, A329	10:08		12:47	
Beale Wildlife Park A329 entrance	10:10		12:49	
Basildon Park A329 entrance	10:11		12:50	
Lower Basildon Park Wall Lane	10:12		12:51	
Streatley Traffic Lights/Swan Hotel	10:17		12:56	
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GORING Railway Station Forecourt	10:25	11:23	13:10	13:50

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Local Amateur Orchestra recruiting new players

I am writing on behalf of a local amateur orchestra, Langtree Sinfonia, based in Woodcote, on the borders of Oxon and Berks. Our next concert is not until November but we would very much like to get some general information out about the orchestra.



Langtree Sinfonia meets Wednesday evenings during term-times at Langtree School, Woodcote. We are recruiting new players, particularly strings, and don't hold auditions. If you are a keen instrumentalist missing an orchestra visit langtreesinfonia.co.uk or email langtreesinfonia@gmail.com for more information.

This is our 50th anniversary year, thriving for 40 years under the leadership of Paul Cox, since 2020 we have a new musical director, David Smith. Our anniversary concert is at St Mary's Church, Wallingford on Saturday on the 13th November. We look forward to meeting you!

Maureen Kirwan



Friendly



Local



All Abilities



Creative

Chess Group

A chess group has been formed and meets at the Sun Pub, Whitchurch Hill.

Meeting for the first time on 18 August the group decided to play again on Wednesday 22 September 3pm - 5pm. Other chess afternoons are expected to be scheduled into the Autumn.

Whether you play regularly or want to return to the game you will be made very welcome.

For further details ring Chris Bergmann on 07876531881.



Goring Heath and Whitchurch Show

A date for your diary - **9 April 2022.**

Goring Heath Parish Hall will host this opportunity for gardeners, vegetable growers and those with a craft, baking, or a photographic interest, to enter into friendly competition. Entries are invited from residents of both Whitchurch, and the Parish of Goring Heath.

To ensure everyone gets as much time as possible to prepare/practice any entries they may wish to submit - here are the topics for April's show.

Art: Vase of Spring Flowers - A Picture of Lamb/Sheep - An Easter Bonnet. No item larger than A3.

Children's Section (up to 12 years): An Easter Picture - Four Easter Bunny Biscuits - Small Vase of 3 Different Spring Flowers

Flower Arranging: Max 16ins/40cms Colours of Spring - Miniature Arrangement (Max 4ins/10cms overall) - An Arrangement in a Mug

Handicraft: Decorated Picture Frame - Knitted Item - Patchwork or Quilting Item

Photography : Scene from a Bridge - A Celebration - A Water Activity

We look forward to seeing you there. A full schedule for the day will be available in advance of the day itself, with instructions on how to enter etc. It will be very straight forward.

For those who do not want to enter the show itself why not come along and enjoy tea and cake and browse the brilliantly valued plant stall? A must for all Gardeners.

Liz Gibson

Have your say

Draft Joint Statement of Community Involvement

**The consultation is now open
8 September until 20 October 2021**

Find out more at

southoxon.gov.uk/JointSCI

whitehorsedc.gov.uk/JointSCI

Scan the QR code on the right
to go straight to the online comment form

View the hard copy documents
at libraries across both districts

**Help spread the word for those isolating
or without internet access who wish to take part**

Please ask them to call us on 01235 422425
or email haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk
and we will be happy to help.



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

St. Bartholomew's C of E Chapel, Goring Heath, RG8 7RS
Open to the Public.

Sunday Services: 11.00am.

Sung Eucharist 1st & 3rd of the month.

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

Advertising in the Newsletter

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

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

Party hire

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

For information and booking:
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The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club

Organiser: Christine Martin

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

Tel: 0118 9844252 Mobile: 07752785924.

e.mail whitchurchtheatreclub@gmail.com

OPENING UP AGAIN AFTER THE LOCKDOWN

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

Trips away. Tickets purchased at group/concessionary rates.

Coaches depart from Pangbourne

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

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

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Goring Heath NEWS

COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCIL INFORMATION

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POTHOLE	-	0345-3101111

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- ♦ **Building control - 01235 422700**
- ♦ **Environmental health, food and safety - 01235 422403**
- ♦ **Licensing - 01235 422556**
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