

November 2013

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Forthcoming Events

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November 2013

1st Charity Soup Lunch	GHPH
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December 2013

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10th Remembrance Services St. Bartholomew's and War Memorial

12th Parish Council Meeting GHPH

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January 2014

9th Parish Council Meeting GHPH

15th Primary & Infant Applications Oxfordshire CC

February 2014

9th Parish Council Meeting GHPH

April 2014

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

IT IS FREE

We welcome event dates from all local charities and groups for listing in this feature. Please send the details to the Editor - Tim King at tim@tpking.me.uk.



Please allow sufficient time in advance for the publication of the appropriate newsletter. Contribution deadlines and publication dates are on the inside back cover.

Chairman's Comments

Since the last newsletter, things have changed apace with the Sun Inn. We had heard that Brakspear were not renewing the tenancy, and there were rumours that it would be closed and redeveloped. Local residents raised concerns, and the parish council submitted an application for the Sun to be nominated as a Community Asset. When something is designated as a community asset, there is a moratorium of 6 months during which time the community has a chance to raise funds to make an offer to buy whatever property is involved.

However, events have overtaken this process, and as readers of the Henley Standard will already be aware, Richard Hazell has bought the building of the Sun, and plans to reopen it as a free house.

It is great that the future of the Sun is now secure, and many thanks to Richard for investing back into the local community.

Brakspear have retained ownership of the garden and have now put in a planning application for a 4 bedroom detached house on the garden to the west, uphill side.

The garden is one of the main features of the Sun, making it an attraction for families in the summer, and providing a good setting in the landscape.

The Parish Council, along with lots of other people, is opposing this planning application as we consider that it will damage the setting of the Sun Inn and adversely affect the social well being of this community

Peter Dragonetti 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	S.O.D.C.
P13/S1139/FUL Land adjacent to Rose Cottage Hill Bottom Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Erection of a two bedroom house.	Should be refused	
P13/S1185/FUL Turner Bros Demolition Ltd, The Forge Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NU Remodeling of existing 20th century workshops, offices and residential building, demolition of existing 1990's stables building, construction of a new single storey sunken residential home, creation of new landscape with new trees and shrubbery.	Should be refused	Refused
P13/S1551/A The Oratory Preparatory School Great Oaks Goring Heath RG8 7SF Removal of existing roadside directional signage and replacement with 2no. monolith signs to main entrance of school site and one post and panel sign to exit of school site	Should be refused	Consent
P13/S1638/FUL Lubricants UK Ltd, Technology Centre Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Construction of new two storey Fire Tender building.	No strong views	Permission
P13/S1641/HH Lavender Cottage Cold Harbour (in the parish of Goring Heath) RG8 7SY Demolition of existing garage and gym building and replacement with new gym and pool building.	No strong views	Permission
P13/S1473/FUL Charity Farm Barns Goring Heath RG8 7RR Change of use of land to agricultural and demolition of existing stable and erection of replacement barn style stable.	No strong views	Permission
P13/S1828/HH Hawthorn House Deadmans Lane Goring Heath Reading RG8 7RX Roof alterations and extension to existing private dwelling.	No strong views	Permission
P13/S1837/HH 7 Bridle Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PR Demolition of outbuildings and extension. Construction of 1 and 2 storey extensions plus restoration of entrance porch.	Should be refused	Permission
P13/S1648/HH Mallory House Shirvells Hill Goring Heath RG8 7SP Demolition of existing coach house and garage and construction of annexe and replacement garage with associated driveway. Relocation of entrance gates and replacement of boundary wall and fencing.	Should be refused	Withdrawn

Premises and application details See note on page 24	Parish Council	S.O.D.C.
P13/S1648/HH Mallory House Shirvells Hill Goring Heath RG8 7SP Demolition of existing coach house and garage and construction of annexe and replacement garage with associated driveway. Relocation of entrance gates and replacement of boundary wall and fencing. Amended details	No strong views	Permission
P13/S1947/HH Ashtree Crays Pond Reading RG8 7QG Erection of a two bay carport / garage	No strong views	Permission
P13/S2587/HH Cosy Cottage Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Removal of existing window and replace with bay window	Approved	
P13/S2818/HH 2 Orchard Coombe Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QL Proposed single storey side and rear extensions following demolition of garage.	No strong views	
P13/S2882/HH 6 Beechwood Close Crays Pond RG8 7SG Proposed first floor side extension.	No strong views	
P13/S2859/HH Cherry Cottage Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU Erection of detached garage building.	Should be refused	
P13/S2840/FUL Lubricants UK Ltd Technology Centre Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Building J alterations and first floor extension and creation of an additional 14 parking spaces.	Should be refused	
P13/S2912/FUL Sun Inn Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU Erection of a single dwelling with associated landscaping and new vehicular access.	Should be refused	

Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday is November 10th, and as usual there is a brief ceremony at the memorial on the hill which is held jointly with Whitchurch on Thames and Goring Heath from 10.45 in the morning. This is a moving occasion with a bugler sounding the Last Post, and there is now quite a large attendance. Everyone is welcome.



As last year, the road will be closed for about 20 minutes, but traffic will be light anyway.



Peter Dragonetti





Goring Heath Parish Charity Regd. No 1056772

Goring Heath Parish Hall Saturday November 2nd 7.30pm

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Salisbury, Windsor, Oxford, Stratford, and Chichester, amongst others, are often visited. Also major London productions. Mainly matinees, but sometimes evening performances. Tickets purchased at group/concessionary rates. From Spring 2014 members can be picked up from Whitchurch Hill, Whitchurch-on-Thames and Pangbourne.

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Whitchurch Hill Women's Institute

Whitchurch Hill W.I.members, with families and friends, enjoyed a lively barbecue in the garden at Parish Hall on a sunny evening in August. The barbecued main course was followed by a delicious variety of home-made puddings.

President Frances welcomed 19 members and a guest to the general meeting in mid-September. Our speaker was Gillian Cane who gave us an entertaining account of "The Mitford Sisters" six lively daughters of Lord Redesdale, born in the 1920s, they cut a swathe through the social life of the time. In tune with the subject, the competition for a 1930s memento brought forth some handsome 1930s jewellery, a book on "The Thirties in Vogue" and other treasures from members.

The 2014 -15 programme is progressing, and members are looking forward to a trip to the "Mary Rose" and a range of entertaining speakers each month.

Social events are taking place during the next few months – a Christmas Lunch at a local hotel, A lunch in November at the Herb Farm in Sonning Common, and several members will go to the WI Open Day on 9th November, taking with them a selection of handmade dolls, made by members, to be sent to orphans in Zimbabwe.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at Goring Heath Parish Hall at 10.15am. Visitors are always welcome, and for further information please telephone 0118 984 1696.

Patricia M. Dent

Whitchurch & Goring History Society

Our November meeting, on the 21st, takes place at Goring Heath Parish Hall at 8pm. We will be welcoming Brian Stovold for an illustrated talk on the Wilts and Berks Canal - present and future. Coffee is served from 7.30pm, and non members are very welcome, though a charge of £2 is made to help cover expenses.

In December we go our separate ways, but reconvene on January 16th 2014 at Whitchurch Village Hall in Manor Road, when we will be reporting our findings about the Polish Camp.

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GORING HEATH AND WHITCHURCH SUMMER SHOW

This time the weather has been so much kinder and entries were of good quality. However fewer people than usual entered the flower and produce sections, so special "thanks" to those who made such lovely contributions. We must also thank our expert judges who willingly give us their time and expertise.

Once again the Craft sections were well supported, especially in the cake baking. That malt loaf recipe seems to have been adopted by many as a new favourite. Cake seems to be our forte as a great deal was consumed by a pleasing number of visiting viewers in the afternoon, when the prizes were given by our Curate, Clare Alcock.

Dave Sexon's fabulous Roses were once more judged "Best in Show". He also won the Betty Hayter Memorial Cup for most points in the flower section and the Whitchurch Hill Trophy for most points overall.

The **Allotment Cup** was won by John Coupland with a fine selection of produce.

The **Arts and Crafts Cup** went to Ann Lewis.

The **Baking and Preserves Cup** was well deserved by Pam Wilkinson with a consistently high standard in all sections.

David Pearson won the **Photography Cup**.

The **Childrens' Cup** was won jointly by Izzie and Henry Pickess whose banner on the theme of celebration was a joy to behold.

Fame came to Goring Heath with a report in the Henley Standard. The arrival of a young man (with a camera) was unexpected to say the least – but it was good to celebrate the spirit and success of this village event.

We will gather again for the Spring Show on 5th April 2014 when we hope for kind weather once again, on a day that misses bank holidays and is late enough for flowers to be in bloom. The schedule will be on the Village website in plenty of time, do have a look and consider taking part, you'll be very welcome.

If you want to get ahead, photography titles are:

A Single Tree Rooftops A Walk on the Wildside

Ann Lewis

Primary or infant school admissions - September 2014

The most important dates in the admissions process are:

- 15 January 2014 closing date for on time applications Parents/Carers <u>must</u> apply by this date, online at <u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u> or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school)
- 16 April 2014 letters offering places will be posted second-class. Those who
 applied on-line will receive an email and will be able to view the result of their
 application on-line.

A reference booklet called 'Starting School' is published on the County Council website and printed copies are available in all primary and infant schools, Children's Centres and libraries.

The closing date for applying on-line or on paper is 15 January 2014.

After 15 January 2014 it will not be possible to apply on-line. Parents or carers who submit a paper form after 15 January 2014 are much less likely to be successful in their application than those who apply by the closing date. In addition, those submitting late applications are highly unlikely to be sent an offer of a school place on 16 April 2014.

Children born between	Can Start School	Must Start School
1 September 2009 and 31 December 2009	September 2014 (part-time or full-time)*	January 2015 (full-time)
1 January 2010 and 31 March 2010	September 2014 (part- time or full-time)* or	April 2015 (full-time)
	January 2015 (part-time or full-time)*	
1 April 2010 and 31 August 2010	September 2014 (part- time or full-time)* or	September 2015
	,	This is Year 1. However, if
	January 2015 (part-time or full-time)	he/she does not start school by April 2015 at
	* or	the latest, his/her place will be taken away and you
	April 2015 (part-time or	must re-apply in June
	full-time)*	2015 for a Year 1 place to start in September 2015.

^{*} Parents/carers can request full- or part-time provision in a school until their child reaches statutory school age.

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place - you must apply now

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Closing date is 15 January 2014.

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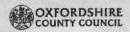


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New Saturday Morning Beginners and Advanced Chen Tai Chi and Qigong Class - Goring Heath Village Hall

Want to feel more relaxed, healthier in mind, body and spirit? Or maybe you just want to improve your overall sense of wellbeing? You really can make positive and lasting changes to your emotional, physical and spiritual health. Both Tai Chi and Qigong are exercise systems used to promote health, healing and vitality.

Tai Chi is the series of slow, continuous and flowing movements you see performed in the parks, especially in China, early in the morning, and it is sometimes known as moving meditation. Qigong is an ancient Chinese exercise system aims to stimulate and balance the flow of qi along the acupuncture meridians, or energy pathways, and it is used to reduce stress, improve blood circulation, enhance immune function and treat a variety of health conditions.

The word Qigong is made up of two Chinese words. Qi is pronounced chee and is usually translated to mean the life force or vital-energy. The second word, Gong, pronounced gung, means a skill that is cultivated through steady practice. So Qigong means 'energy work'.

With regular Tai Chi or Qigong practise you can become relaxed, more self-confident, stronger and healthier in both mind and body. And with even with a small amount of practise, you will find your health and fitness improve, and your mind and body relax, helping to combat the stresses and strains of modern living. Tai Chi and Qigong can:

- Increase energy levels yet improve the quality of your sleep.
- Increase flexibility and coordination, and improve posture and balance (helping to reduce the risk of falls).
- Improve circulation, lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels.
- Condition and strengthen the bones, which can help to prevent the onset of osteoporosis.
- Improve some medical conditions, e.g. arthritis, cardiovascular, respiratory and digestive disorders.

At first you perform the movements slowly, but as your general health and ability improve, you then perform the movements in a more dynamic manner; providing the same positive effects on the cardiovascular system as jogging or high-impact aerobics, but without the stress and strain.

Unlike most forms of exercise and sport, Tai Chi and Qigong do not rely on strength, force or speed, making them ideal for all ages, at any fitness level.

Karen has just moved into the Goring area. She has studied Tai Chi and Qigong for over 16 years, has been teaching since 2001, and is registered with the Tai Chi Union of Great Britain (as an advanced instructor) and with the British Council for Chinese Martial Arts.

The new class is starting in Goring Heath Village Hall and you can start classes whenever suits you. Please call Karen on Mobile 07867 954 786 to book a place or for more details and dates see www.karenpounds.co.uk

Special services for Advent and Christmas St Bartholomew's Chapel, Allnutt Almshouses, Goring Heath

Normal Sunday Services are open to the public with the 1st service of the month being Holy Communion (sung). On all other Sundays of the month there is a Holy Communion at 9.00am and the main service, Sung Matins, at 11.00am.

All Souls Service November 3rd at 5.00pm (A special service to commemorate those departed from amongst our family and friends. Names to be remembered should be entered on the paper provided at the back of the Church or emailed to Hilary Dewey: hilary-dewey@yahoo.co.uk

Remembrance November 10th at 10.50am

Carol Service December 22nd at 6.00pm (Mulled wine and

minced pies afterwards in the Common room)

Christmas day December 25th Holy Communion at 8.45

Main Service: Sung Matins at 10.00 followed by

Holy Communion immediately afterwards for those who wish to stay behind (approx. 11.05)

If you would like to make contact with St Bartholomew's Chaplaincy at any time please contact the Chaplain, the Rev'd Peter Dewey on 01491 680261 or 07784912935

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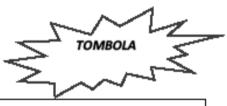


Saturday 7th December

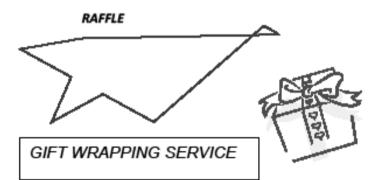
10 am till 12 Noon

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Art and Craft Exhibition 2013 The Whitchurch Society

Saturday 16th November 2013 **Whitchurch Village Hall**(Entries submitted on Friday 15th November)

Rules can be found at www.whitchurchonthames.com (Village Groups/Whitchurch Society)

The theme for the Joyce Voysey prize is "Wild & Free"

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News from the Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme

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Otherwise ask:

- 1. what the moisture content of the wood is (it should be 25% or less),
- 2. what volume of wood you are getting (you should know what weight or volume you are getting, not just 'a load'),
- 3. whether it is soft or hardwood (a hardwood log has more energy than a softwood log of the same size), and
- 4. how long the logs are.

Wood with a high moisture content will burn badly, since much of its energy will first go into turning that moisture into steam before it can heat your house. Last summer was terrible for drying wood, but this year has been much better. You can buy a moisture meter for about £15 online. For more information see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/our-community-wants-to.

Join Logs for Labour.

L4L matches up woodland owners whose woodlands need managing ('log offers') with people who are willing to help out in return for logs ('labour offers'). The woodfuel programme is organising a series of L4L events for the autumn and winter. If you would like to make either or log or a labour offer, contact

manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk or 'like' www.facebook.com/oxonwood to get updates on log offers.

Attention woodfuel boiler owners: If you own a chip, pellet, log batch or wood burning stove with back boiler - please could you fill out a short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9SZBD9T? The results will help others who are thinking about installing similar boilers.

Ash die-back.

The Forestry Commission has a very good website in case you are worried that an ash tree has chalara (ash die-back): www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara.

Events and talks.

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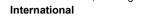
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PRESS RELEASE



Santa is coming

Oh yes, it's that time of year again !!! Father Christmas will be touring villages in South Oxfordshire again organised by the Lions Club of Goring, Woodcote & District. This will be the 32nd successive year Lions have toured the area with Santa on his sleigh to collect donations whilst playing some popular seasonal carols.

To do this a Street Collection Licence as required by South Oxfordshire District Council is obtained for two hours from 7pm until 9pm each evening for the following schedule.

Ability to keep to these planned visits is always dependent upon the weather and support kindly provided to Lions members by local volunteer groups joining in to help as collectors.

Sonning Common

Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December

Whitchurch on Thames

Friday 13th December

Goring on Thames

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th December

Woodcote

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December

Whitchurch Hill

Friday 20th December

All money collected will go to support Lions charitable projects, the majority being within the local community, the balance will help towards Lions sponsored national and international projects primarily related to youth and eye sight preservation in areas of greatest need.

Every pound donated goes to charity with no administration charges taken out.

Throughout the year Lions collect used or unwanted spectacles including sunglasses to recycle free via other Lions Clubs in third world countries. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of this Lions Spectrek project. Established local collection points for spectacles are at Sonning Common Health Centre, the Boathouse Surgery in Pangbourne, both Goring and Woodcote Medical Centres, the Post Office at Woodcote Way, in Caversham and in the Reception area at S.O.D.C. Offices at Crowmarsh.

The value of spectacles given free of charge to people with impaired sight cannot be over-emphasised.

For details about Lions, or if you are a local charity or volunteer group in need of support or wish to help Lions continue to make a difference in the local community

please e-mail: info@lions-gwd.org.uk

Telephone: 0845 833 9837 or view: www.lions-gwd.org.uk

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.

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PRESS RELEASE

Youth floored by Lions

Goring and District Youth Club has just had a new carpet fitted on the floor of their games room thanks to a donation of £400 from the local Lions Club of Goring, Woodcote & District. The balance of costs involved were provided by the Gatehampton Trust Fund.

The photograph attached shows just some of the teenagers who regularly attend the club with Lion president Alan Lovegrove (on the left) and Mike Cornfield, Chairman of the Goring Youth Club Management Committee (on the right of the picture). Many of the young ones shown are now 18 and have been members of the Youth Club since they were 11 years old.

Each Wednesday evening the Youth Club is open and used by up to 20 youngsters each time who pay an annual subscription of £5 and a further £1 as they sign in at the door. They have use of very nicely furnished rooms in the Community Centre with a kitchen and a games room equipped with pool table, table football, an amplifier/ speaker system on which to play their music and a laptop PC with free wi-fi facilities.

Since the withdrawal of financial support from the County and Local council the Youth Club is run just by seven adult volunteers, but still costs up to £3,000 a year to keep going.

Continued overleaf



For more information about Goring & District Youth Club please contact:

Mike Cornfield, Chair, G&DYC Management Committee - 01491 873731

For details about Lions, or if you are a local charity or volunteer group in need of support or wish to help Lions continue to make a difference in the local community

Please telephone: Alan Wright, Secretary on 0845 833 9837 email: info@lions-gwd.org.uk Website: www.lions-gwd.org.uk

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