

# GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

July 2014  
140<sup>th</sup> Issue

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**Forthcoming Events**

**GHPH = Goring Heath Parish Hall**

**WL = Woodcote Library**

**WVH = Whitchurch Village Hall**

**July 2014**

2nd Cello Recital                      Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring-on-Thames

4th String Quartet                      Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring-on-Thames

10th Parish Council Meeting                      GHPH

11/12/13th Woodcote Rally                      Woodcote

18th Peace in the Park                      Nuneham Courtney

**August 2014**

No Parish Council Meeting this month

30th Whitchurch Village Fête                      Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch

**September 2014**

11th Parish Council Meeting                      GHPH

30th Whitchurch Village Fête                      Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch

**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](mailto: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**

One of the rules that we have in the Parish Council is that the chairman can only be in office for 4 successive terms, and as I have now had these 4 terms, I am standing down. I am pleased to be able to say that Nick Henry is now taking on the role, and we all look forward to him meeting head on the challenges that lie ahead.

## **White Lion**

One of the matters that is still very much alive is the future of the White Lion. It was very unfortunate that this pub was not advertised properly locally when the brewery tried to sell it, which would have alerted us all to the threat that it was under, and given the local community the chance to take it on. As it is, the situation has become more difficult, but the District Council are supportive of the interest of the community in this case, and are taking steps to ensure that the developments at the White Lion are in accordance with the planning regulations.

## **Village Fête**

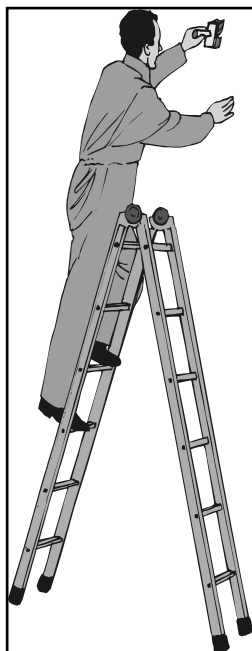
On the day, we thought that we were a bit unlucky with the weather for the fête, but as it turned out the rest of the bank holiday had even worse weather. Numbers were down a bit, perhaps also as a result of the bridge closure, but I would like to thank the fête organisers for putting on the usual great show, and a personal thanks to the parish councillors who helped me on the barbecue.

**Peter Dragonetti**  
**Chairman**



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## 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.
P14/S0368/FUL The Barn Collins End Goring Heath RG8 7RH Erection of two single storey extensions.	No Strong Views	Permission
P14/S0414/HH Meadow Down Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Proposed rear two storey extension, raising of roof, amended drive and vehicular access arrangement.	Should be refused	Permission
P14/S0642/FUL Shervell Cottage Shirvells Hill Goring Heath Oxon RG8 7SP Erection of replacement storage shed for domestic storage.	No Strong Views	Permission
P14/S0574/FUL Cherry Cottage Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU Change of use from agricultural to garden.	No Strong Views	Permission
P14/S0864/HH 3 Oakdown Close Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NR Side extension to form larger kitchen.	No Strong Views	Permission
P14/S0386/HH Russett Cottage 4 Bridle Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PR Two storey and single storey rear extensions (As amended by drawings received on 17th April 2014)	No Strong Views	Permission
P14/S1008/HH Fieldways Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Alterations to roof to provide bedrooms, bathroom and study on first floor. Demolish existing single detached garage.	No Strong Views	Permission
P14/S0848/HH & P14/S0849/LB Lavender Cottage Cold Harbour in the parish of Goring Heath RG8 7SY Alterations to fenestration to 1970s extension to listed building. Addition of porch to entrance building.	No Strong Views	
P14/S0976/HH Oakwood House Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PN Alterations and extensions to dwelling to include 2 storey rear extension with existing dormer alterations.	No Strong Views	
P14/S1175/HH & P14/S1176/LB Cold Harbour Farm Cold Harbour Goring Heath RG8 7SY Demolish existing 1950s single-storey side extension, construct new single-storey side extension.	No Strong Views	

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<b>Premises and application details</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>S.O.D.C.</b>
P14/S1089/HH Hillside Cottage Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NU Two storey side and single storey rear extensions and open front porch	No Strong Views	
P14/S1511/HH Bozedown Windmill Bozedown Drive Whitchurch Hill (within the parish of Goring Heath) RG8 7PE Removal of existing conservatory and carport. Erection of single and one and a half storey extensions, new three bay garage and new rooflights to the south-west elevation.	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.

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## The Village Fête

Another successful year for the Whitchurch Hill Fête – despite an early morning downpour, and a nagging worry that the Toll Bridge closure might deter some of our regular visitors from ‘across the river’.

‘Is it still on?’ was a question that the Organising Team fielded more than once as the morning’s rain lashed the Recreation Ground – but as if by magic, it stopped, a bit of sunshine appeared, and the crowds rolled in. And not just people – the Fun Dog Show brought in a record number of canine competitors. Indeed as one visitor observed “I haven’t seen as many dogs in one place since I watched ‘101 Dalmatians’!”

The general feedback from the day was very positive, with the various stalls and refreshment tents running at full pelt all afternoon. Not surprisingly visitor numbers were slightly down on last year, when we enjoyed a day of blazing sunshine - and an open Toll Bridge! - but all in all, the event was extremely well supported, and the organisers are very grateful to all who took part - the visitors, the stall holders, our service providers, and everyone who helped with the running.

The regular stalwarts were well to the fore. The Bottle Stall was as popular as ever, and a big ‘thank you!’ to all who donate ‘a bottle or two’ year after year – your generosity makes a huge contribution to the success of the Fete. The BBQ team worked flat out to feed the multitude, the WI Tea Tent provided alluring cakes and refreshments, while the Community stalls offered a range of attractions. And the Beer Tent, ably operated this year by the new management of The Sun, drew the crowds with some fine local ales!

The Raffle generated a record level of receipts – our thanks to all who bought tickets, and to the team who put a huge amount of work into making it our best ever Raffle. Several people commented on the terrific range of prizes on offer this year, and we are grateful to the local businesses who very kindly donated these – The Highwayman, Nino’s, The Ferryboat, The Cross Keys, The Sun, The Woody Nook, Kimberley’s, Lina Tandoori, Grey’s Cheese Company, and Woodcote Garden Centre, as well as several individual donations.

The Fête is always well attended, so clearly it’s seen as a popular community event. But it does takes a certain amount of organising, and this goes on quietly, year after year, in the background. It’s probably also worth noting that, as they say, ‘it doesn’t come free!’ – a significant level of up-front cost goes towards paying for many of the performers, plus of course essentials such as Red Cross cover and insurance. So your support is very much appreciated, and again, we thank you all for helping to make the 2014 Fête such a great day for the village.

**The Organising Team.**

## **Friends of Music at Goring**

**Cello Recital: Jane Lindsay (Cello) and Alison Rhind (Piano)**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1.00 pm**

**Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring-on-Thames**

Jane has performed at the Wigmore Hall, the Purcell Room, etc. and appeared as soloist in concertos by Elgar and Haydn: future performances are booked for Royal Albert Hall and Royal Festival Hall. Alison is one of our leading chamber pianists and has played with many well-known virtuosi, including Nicola Benedetti, Rostropovich, Menuhin, etc. and she has been official accompanist for several international competitions, including BBC Young Musician of the Year.

Their programme will include music by Debussy, Brahms, Mendelssohn and Rachmaninoff.

Jane and Alison are kindly supported by the Countess of Munster Trust.

**Tickets are £12 (or £10 purchased in advance from Festival outlets or *Inspiration*, The Arcade, Goring) for this lunchtime recital.**

**Ruisi String Quartet:**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm**

**Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Goring-on-Thames**

The Ruisi Quartet will be playing music by Haydn, Beethoven and Debussy.

Although formed as recently as 2012, the Quartet has quickly established a reputation as an exciting, expressive ensemble, performing at leading venues including the Wigmore Hall and have a full diary of country-wide and international engagements for 2014.

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**When the Whitchurch Bridge re-opens, members can be picked up from Whitchurch Hill, Whitchurch-on-Thames and Pangbourne. Also Tidmarsh and Theale when necessary.**

**For our forthcoming programme please check the Whitchurch-on-Thames Website. Subscriptions £10 per annum but £8 if paid online.**



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Our visit over the early May bank holiday weekend was one of the best of recent years. One reason for this was the leisurely travel afforded by starting on the Friday before, another the fascinating programme of visits, and of course the sunny spring weather helped. A constant is the warm welcome and the liberal hospitality we received.

On our arrival on the Friday evening the group joined their hosts and spent Saturday with them on local visits. Many went to the abbey of Bec-Hellouin, whose local connection is preserved in the name of Bec Tithe, in Whitchurch Hill. Saturday evening found us at a reception for sixty people in the hall at La Bouille. Our gift, a delightful watercolour by Stephen Trinder of Whitchurch Bridge, was much admired. After speeches and champagne toasts we settled down for a four course meal with much chatter in both languages, renewing old friendships.

The Sunday visits to the attractive towns of Bayeux and Arromanches will live long in the memory. Our copy of the Bayeux Tapestry in Reading Museum is not completely exact and it was fascinating to see the original, with colours remarkably fresh. The Museum had a great deal of background information about the Norman invasion, shown in models, film and computer displays. After lunch we were lucky enough visit the Cathedral, hear an international choir practice and see the new bell struck in time for the D-Day celebrations.

Not far away on the coast, Arromanches is a pretty seaside town, with carousel, cafes and candyfloss, but more importantly the museum showing the building of the Mulberry Harbour there – some of the concrete blocks can still be seen offshore. The tremendous feat of towing the vast amount of material which made up the harbour was explained in film, exhibits and guide. The reality of D-Day was brought home effectively, bringing a tear to many eyes.

On Monday, after shopping, walks and visits, we embarked on our return journey, bringing with us the best wishes of our French friends. We missed the company of several of our regular twinnings through illness, accident and other engagements, and would welcome new people to join us.

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**Whitchurch-on-Thames  
Village Fête  
Saturday 30th August 2-5pm  
The Village Green, Eastfield Lane**

Join the fun at the annual Whitchurch Village Fête on Saturday 30th August, 2-5pm.

NEW for 2014 are children's go-karting (which should be a hoot!) face painting, the renowned children's entertainer 'Dizzy Dean', plus live music from the 'Beenham Wind Orchestra'.

Old favourites return too, with Rosie leading the kids in music and dance, amusement rides for the children and the ever-popular dog show.

There will be local stalls selling everything from jam to vintage clothing, jewellery to books ... and who knows what you'll find donated to the 'Granny's Attic' stall?

Tasty refreshments will include BBQ, beer and tea tents with freshly cooked food and sweet treats.

The fete is a charitable event for Whitchurch-on-Thames Pre-school and as always we would like to thank our regular sponsors of Richard Wilson Long, Warminghams and Valley Vets. We hope to see you there!

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**Art (A3 max, no photos)**

Ladybird(s)

A leaf or leaves

Hand(s)

**Photography**

Contentment

Vegetables

Clouds

The full schedule and entry form will be available nearer the time on the village websites [www.whitchurchonthames.com/diary.php](http://www.whitchurchonthames.com/diary.php) or [www.goringheath.com](http://www.goringheath.com) and from the committee members shown below

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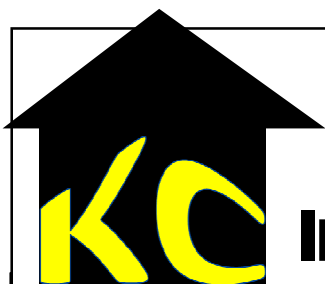
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*We care for the Chilterns*

Nearly all of this is due to work done by Chiltern Society volunteers - the group known as the South Chilterns Path Maintenance Volunteers (SCPMV).

To date they have installed over 175 gates replacing stiles with gates which transforms the pleasure of walking, particularly for people with disabilities. And last year they cleared or mowed 23km (14½ miles) of footpaths and bridleways.

So it may come as a surprise that the group is quite small, the usual working party being between 8 and 15 people out of a pool of around 30. As with any club or group, people come and go, so the SCPMV are now inviting other Chiltern Society members to join them in their work.

The work is not arduous, the work sessions being only three mornings a month. There are no commitments to work, just come when you feel like it, and work at your own pace. Ordinary DIY skills are sufficient for the gate work, none at all for basic clearance work - just enthusiasm. Training is given where necessary, particularly for those who would like to work with power tools - and everyone is covered by the Society's insurance, of course.

There are also opportunities to get more deeply involved in the organisation. For example, anyone with experience of trailer or caravan towing and who has a powerful car or 4x4 can share the duties of pulling the tools trailer to the work sites. Others with organisational experience will get fulfilment from planning the work programme and liaising with other bodies such as Oxfordshire County Council and local landowners.

Oxfordshire County Council has a very high regard for the SCPMV. They say that the SCPMV is the volunteer group which sets the standard to which all other volunteer groups should aspire! In 2011 the group won the *'Biggest Impact on the Local Environment'* category in the Oxfordshire Charity & Volunteer Awards, and recently was nominated for a Queen's Award for Volunteer Service - the winners to be announced in June.

If you would like to be part of this fantastic team, come along for a trial session - it's fun and satisfying, and you'll be very welcome.

For more details call: Howard Dell on 01494 764149 or email [info@dell.myzen.co.uk](mailto:info@dell.myzen.co.uk)

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The RHI is open to homeowners, private landlords, social landlords and self-builders. If you installed a renewable heat system between 15 July 2009 and 8 April 2014 you may also be eligible. Application for the RHI is by a form on the [Ofgem website](#). You can also get free advice from the Energy Saving Advice Service on 0300 123 1234.

## WHITCHURCH HILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Whitchurch Hill WI members as usual supported the fete at the end of May, and provided tea and home made cakes for the thirsty ones at what proved to be a well attended event in spite of the indifferent weather.

At their May Meeting a lively discussion took place on the resolution which was to be voted on at the National AGM – it concerned Organ Donation, with three people dying every day while waiting for a transplant, the ensuing decision was bound to be approval.

At the beginning of June members enjoyed a Strawberry Tea in a member's garden on a delightfully sunny afternoon, and later on in the month they will be visiting Greys Court for a tour of the house and lunch in the new restaurant.

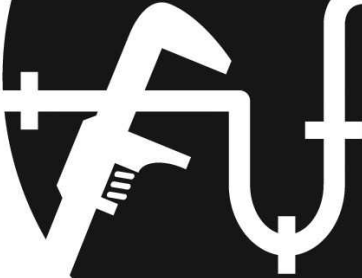
Speaker meetings will resume in July when we shall hear about the Thames and Chilterns Air Ambulance, and other speakers in the coming months will present "The Ladies of the Tower", the story of Lady Brunner's time with the WI, and The World of the Honeybee.

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 Dent**

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## Goring Heath Bowls Club (Almshouses)

We played away at Burghfield Bowls Club on Saturday 10th May and had a wet journey over to their excellent new green. There were two light showers during the match and then the heavens opened again whilst we were enjoying our tea. We won on two rinks and lost on the other two.

Our game at Trenthams Bowls Club on Wednesday 21st May was played in dry weather and we were treated to a very welcome delicious tea afterwards of new potatoes, sausages and baked beans. The scores were Trenthams Bowls Club 95 points and Goring Heath Bowls Club (Almshouses) 75 points.

We had a very warm welcome from Peppard Bowls Club at their green on Saturday 31st May and we all had a very enjoyable afternoon playing with very friendly people as always. The weather was dry, the green was soft and the sun came out, making it a very pleasant afternoon. The scores were Goring Heath Bowls Club (Almshouses) 77 points and Peppard Bowls Club 56.

On Wednesday 4th June we played against the lovely people from Caversham Bowls Club at their home green. The pattern of weather over the last few weeks has been raining and cloudy, but once again we managed to dodge the rain and played without getting wet. The green was heavy at first and the weather became very windy and cold towards the end of the match and we were glad to get inside for a hot cup of coffee!

The scores were Caversham 80 points to Almshouses 58 points.

We will be using our new pushers, which were purchased from the generous donation by the Lions Club, on the morning of Saturday 7th June when we are having our open morning which coincides with the Almshouses Plant Sale.

We are asking our club members to kindly volunteer to help at the Woodcote Steam Rally in some way. The Rally is on from Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of July. We all have appreciated that the Woodcote Steam Rally very generously gave our club a donation last year to boost our funds, as we are a self supporting club. Please contact Clive our Captain if any members can help at the Rally on 01491 682491, or if anyone would like further details regarding joining our club. - please contact one of the following:-

Daphne Walker on 01491 682154,

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Clive Goodburn (Club Captain) on 01491 682491





GORING HEATH ALMSHOUSES

## **JUNE SALE 2014**

**T**he Residents of Goring Heath Almshouses would like to thank everyone who braved the rain to support the June Sale.

We had over one hundred visitors who did not let the rain stop them enjoying amongst other stalls, a fine selection of cakes and plants to peruse. The rain did stop and by the end of the Sale people were actually sitting outside enjoying refreshments. The total raised was £1000, this will be used for a summer pleasure trip and a Christmas Lunch.

**Thank you all once again for your support!**

Matron and the Residents of Goring Heath Almshouses

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