

GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

September 2014
141st Issue

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Forthcoming Events

GHPH = Goring Heath Parish Hall

WL = Woodcote Library

WVH = Whitchurch Village Hall

September 2014

11th Parish Council Meeting	GHPH
13th BBQ Crays Pond Community Group	Scout Hut
16th W.I.	GHPH
18th History Society	GHPH
20th Autumn Show	GHPH

October 2014

3rd Soup Lunch	GHPH
9th Parish Council Meeting	GHPH
16th History Society	GHPH

November 2014

7th Soup Lunch	GHPH
13th Parish Council Meeting	GHPH
15th Art & Craft Exhibition	WVH
15th Quiz Crays Pond Community Group	Scout Hut

December 2014

5th Soup Lunch	GHPH
11th Parish Council Meeting	GHPH

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

Last month, I took over the chairmanship of GHPC from Peter after his statutory 4 year term at the helm came to an end. I would on behalf of all the council members and I trust, the parish as a whole, like to thank Peter for his active and determined contribution to the local issues that have such an impact on the Parish.

Peter works tirelessly on areas such as Planning to ensure that the parish remains the place that it is.

Bus Service Review 142 Route

The Council has had sight of a proposal by Oxfordshire CC to withdraw the 142 service from Crays Pond and Goring Heath. In effect this will mean an end to a "mainstream" bus service for these 2 areas.

The premise is simply that the service is subsidised from the Oxfordshire villages and Pangbourne and has low passenger numbers. They quote a survey carried out 12 - 16 May where no passengers were recorded as boarding in Crays Pond or Goring Heath.

GHPC will look to support the continuation of the 142 bus service and also comment that with the Whitchurch bridge closed, it was little wonder that many potential passengers would have looked to find alternative routes to Pangbourne and Reading during the survey period.

However the issue of needing to "use it or lose it" is surely the best way to fight such a proposal, and I would urge all to look to use the 142 route in the coming months, to ensure that there can be no doubt that the service is valued and necessary.

Local Plan 2031

SODC has published their Local Plan consultation pack. It looks to build upon the Core Strategy that covers 2011 - 2031.

The majority of the report concentrates on a variety of options as to where to build up to 16,500 homes in South Oxfordshire over that period.

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The 8 options range from concentrating the housing in Didcot and the larger villages, or concentrating the housing where the infrastructure and employment is available in the "Science Vale", through to Dispersal where housing is effectively spread throughout the region.

This is at present a consultation paper and I would urge those that are concerned/interested as to the proposals, to view the plan and send their views to :

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Nick Henry
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/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	Permission & Listed Building Consent
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	Permission
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	Permission & Listed Building Consent
P14/S1089/HH Hillside Cottage Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NU Two storey side and single storey rear extensions and open front porch	No Strong Views	Withdrawn
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	Permission
P14/S1564/HH Golden Haze Bridle Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PR Installation of a pair of electrically operated 5 bar gates onto driveway	Should be approved	Permission
P14/S1922/HH Mallory House Shirvells Hill Goring Heath RG8 7SP Alterations to existing coach house, single storey extension to form link and alterations to the roof form	Should be refused	Permission
P14/S2057/FUL Lubricants UK Ltd, Technology Centre Bozedown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Proposed extension to existing main car park and formation of temporary car park whilst works are carried out.	Should be refused	
3 Airey Houses Bridle Road Whitchurch Hill (within the parish of Goring Heath) RG8 7PR Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of new detached dwelling and garage. (Amendment to approved scheme reference P08/E0522	No Strong Views	

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Premises and application details	Parish Council	S.O.D.C.
P14/S2222/HH Hillside Cottage Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NU Two storey side and single storey rear extensions and open front porch. (As amended by documentation received 13 August submitted by the applicant/agent)	Should be approved	

Planning

We would also like to point out that No Strong Views is one of only three choices that SODC gives the parish council. It should not be read as illustrating tacit approval of an application. More often than not this choice is supplemented with specific comments from the parish council highlighting areas of concern.

The new owner of the White Lion has accepted an invitation from the Parish Council to come to our September meeting to outline his plans for the White Lion. As is always the case with parish council meetings, the meeting is open to the public, and so anyone who is interested in developments at the White Lion is warmly welcomed to attend this meeting. As always, the meeting is held in the parish hall at 8 pm, and the September meeting will be on 11 September.

See also article on page 11.

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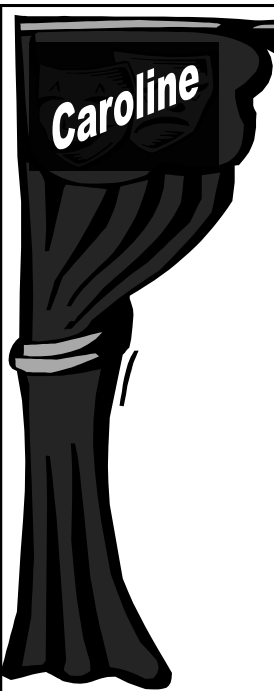
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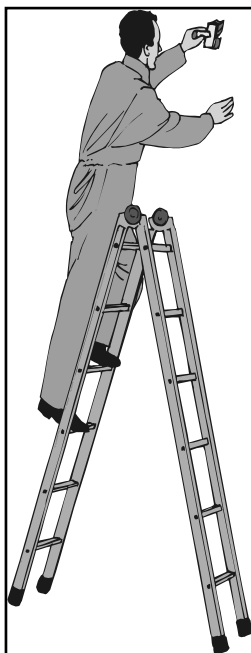
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For our forthcoming programme please check the Whitchurch-on-Thames Website. Subscriptions £10 per annum but £8 if paid online.



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Crays Pond Community Group

When the White Lion at Crays Pond was sold by Greene King and the new owner started converting it to a house, many of the local residents were furious at the loss of the village pub. Actions were taken by various people and it was felt that a more formal grouping should be set up to coordinate activities. Thus, the *Crays Pond Community Group* came into being.

The group decided that, as well as opposing the closure of the pub, there was a need to organise community events to help restore the social centre that had been the White Lion. We have now arranged two events, both to be held at the Scout Hut. We will be having a barbecue on 13 September and a quiz on 15 November. Food and drink will be available at both events. The aim is to have fun but also to raise money to provide a buffer for future events and to help with local projects.

Anyone is welcome to come to the events but we need to have pre-booking so that we know how many people to cater for. The barbecue tickets cost £7 per head and £5 for children (even though they probably eat more!). The ticket prices for the quiz will be announced later.

If you would like to attend either event please get in touch with either the chairman or secretary.

Chairman: Fiona O'Brien - FandGOBrien@aol.com, 07760 996001

Secretary: Bill Pechey – Bill@Pechey.org, 01491 681236

General email: info@CraysPond.co.uk

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The White Lion at Crays Pond

Many readers will know that Greene King, the brewers, sold the White Lion last year. The sale was conducted in a secretive way and the staff were kept in the dark. Mr Satwinder Sandhu bought the pub and started to convert it into a house, ripping out the bar and the catering kitchen. He also removed the window shutters and the climbing plant that decorated the building leaving the pub looking very sad. This annoyed a lot of local people. The district council was informed of the situation and Mr Sandhu was told that he should cease his modifications and apply for planning permission to change the use of the building.

A planning application was made and a public meeting was called to decide what to do. Over 70 people attended the meeting and this resulted in a petition of more than 400 signatures being sent to SODC. There were over 60 formal objections and the application was eventually refused in April 2014. The refusal was followed by an enforcement notice issued on 09 July, which gives Mr Sandhu twelve months from 27 August to cease living in the pub. He can, of course, re-open the pub or conduct a



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The White Lion is now the subject of an ACV (Asset of Community Value) listing, which means that the local community would be given six months to buy it, if it were to come on the market.

Mr Sandhu has agreed to attend the meeting of Goring Heath Parish Council on 11 September (8pm, Goring Heath Parish Hall) to explain to the council and local residents what he intends to do with the pub. All are welcome.

Bill Pechey, Secretary, Crays Pond Community Group.

Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society

After our summer visits to Wallingford Museum and St Edmund Hall in Oxford we begin our autumn programme on Thursday September 18th, when we shall hear Dr Stephen Barker, Centenary Projects Manager at the newly-opened Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, will talk about the "The Bucks and Ox on the Somme"; the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry at the Battle of Mons in August 1914. It was the first major action of the British Expeditionary Forces, fought on the frontier of France and Belgium, and managed to delay but not stop the German advance into France. The Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Light Infantry were one of two regiments based in Oxfordshire and although we are by now somewhat inured to the dreadful experiences of World War 1 by the many programmes on television, the Somme was especially costly in human lives. Stephen Barker will put the slaughter into a local context.

On Thursday October 16th we welcome Professor Malcolm Airs to recount "The Fall and Rise of the English Country House", with local examples of how, after the First World War, country houses were reduced, sold, or found a new role.

Meetings are held in Goring Heath Parish Hall, on the B471, and has an adjacent car park. Coffee is served from 7.30pm and meetings start at 8pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, at a cost of £2, including coffee.

Vicky Jordan

RG8 Badminton Club

The summer has once again ended a successful year for the club. Membership of both seniors and juniors (the Smashers) has been buoyant totalling over 50 members.

Whilst taking a break we have all been able to follow the Commonwealth Games Badminton – and wonder how those players cover so much court with such ease! Must be a smaller court...

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Seniors play from 7.30-9.30pm. The fee for the 14 week term beginning on Thursday 4th September is £32. Again new players are welcomed to a playing-in evening. Our Club Coach can offer coaching sessions to any club member by arrangement at extra charge.

If you like to know more or wish to join please contact me, Chris Uden, on 01491 680263.

Tea parties for old people living alone

Pensioners aged 75 or over who live alone in Goring Heath and surrounding villages now have a new way of enjoying their Sunday afternoons.

Contact the Elderly - the only national charity solely dedicated to tackling loneliness and social isolation among older people - has a new branch in South Oxfordshire. A network of volunteers organises monthly informal Sunday afternoon tea parties for small groups, offering a regular and vital friendship link every month.

Each older person is collected from their home by a volunteer driver and taken to a volunteer host's home for the afternoon. The group is welcomed by a different host each month, but the drivers remain the same which means that over the months and years, acquaintances turn into friends and loneliness is replaced by companionship.

Contact the Elderly tea parties are a lifeline of friendship for guests who may have little or no contact with family or friends. They bring people of all ages together, develop fulfilling friendships and support networks, and give everyone involved something to look forward to each month.

Local organiser is Louise Booker, who would like to hear from anyone who would like to get involved, either as a guest or a volunteer. She already has a dozen or so people in the group, but more are welcome.

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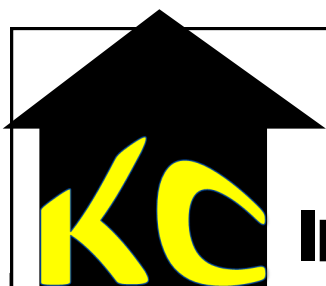
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at
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Saturday 15th November, 10am-5pm

Afternoon teas served 2-5pm
Prize giving at 5pm

Sending-in of exhibits:
Thursday 13th Nov 7-8pm at May Cottage, Eastfield Lane &
Friday 14th Nov 10am - Noon at the Village Hall
(N.B. please note earlier sending-in times than on previous years)

Joyce Voysey Prize Theme is 'Mazes'
This theme has been chosen because 2014 is the
10th anniversary year of the opening of the Whitchurch Maze

We look forward to receiving entries for the exhibition from ALL age groups, and from previous contributors, but we also hope that there will be lots of new entrants too, especially children who may not have entered before. Young people might be particularly interested in submitting work in new media. We welcome all ranges of work - it is an enjoyable, friendly event, not an elitist showcase!

All residents (both past and present) of Whitchurch-on-Thames and Goring Heath parishes are eligible to enter their work. Please join in!

The details of all the categories and entry rules are set out on the website at <http://wotarts.co.uk>

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Whitchurch Hill WI is preparing to take part in next year's celebrations for the Centenary of the WI and members are designing and making a pennant which will be added to others to travel round events in the County. Among other events they have been to Benson for lunch by the river, and also to the Herb Farm at Sonning Common, in September they will have a day at the WI College, Denman near Abingdon, and in August they have their Annual Barbecue at Goring Heath Parish Hall. These are in addition to their regular monthly meetings when they usually have speakers on a range of interesting subjects. Our next speaker meeting will be on 16th September when we shall hear about "The Ladies of the Tower".

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

OWL - Our Woodcote Library

There have been continuing negotiations over the summer in order to settle on a time-table using the extra hours which have been agreed. We expect to hold a meeting in the library in October or early November to explain the role of volunteers, and to recruit interested people. Training in the library would then begin in January 2015. Watch this space!

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Goring Heath Bowls Club (Almshouses)

On Friday 8th August we travelled down to Bournemouth for our Bowlaway long weekend with our driver Tony from T K Travel. We arrived in sunshine at the Arlington Hotel which is centrally situated overlooking the beautiful well tended gardens, unpacked and went our various ways exploring the area, the sandy beach, fabulous gardens, the open air picture gallery next to the aviary and of course the shops.

We were lucky to have the company of two members from Peppard Bowls Club, Jenny Wingrove and David Jennings with Alan Copeland from Pangbourne Bowls Club which made up our teams for the weekend matches. They were all made very welcome and hopefully enjoyed their time with us all.

We were also very pleased to have the pleasure of the company again of Chris and Dot Tyler, her friend Joyce and also the lovely Karen.

Amusingly a gentleman guest in the hotel at dinner had placed a large paper serviette in his ear, so we can only presume we were a little too noisy due to lots of laughter!

On Friday night most of us walked down to the sea front to watch the wonderful fireworks from the pier. The obligatory dip in the sea by Martin, Ken and Clive took place at 7am on Saturday morning, while most of us were still asleep.

Our first match was with Knyveton Gardens Bowls Club for the third year running. We played in sunshine and although we lost overall, it was an enjoyable match. The scores were 86 points to KGBC and 65 points to Goring Heath Bowls Club (Almshouses).

Ken, Peter and Gareth won the Crazy Golf competition, which was great fun as usual.

On Saturday evening it was reported that the sea had become very rough with lots of surfers in the normally calm sea with the tail end of Hurricane Bertha. This put paid to the second dip in the sea by the three brave swimmers. We thought our next match would be cancelled, but around 11 o'clock the sun started to peep through the clouds in time for our match at 2pm with Pelhams Bowls Club. We had an enjoyable afternoon with cloud and sunshine, but no rain.

Colin Cooper won a certificate for bowling with the wrong bias, which was presented to him by Pelham Bowls Club President with squeals of laughter from us all, especially David! It is now Colin's pride and joy! The President also told three very amusing jokes. Overall Pelhams Bowls Club won 86 points to GHBC 71 points. Thanks go to Daphne for organising the trip again this year.

Who says bowling is boring and not fun!

Missing Richard, who we hope will join us again next year. *(Edited to fit available space)*

Tai Chi and Qigong Classes

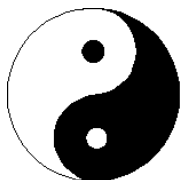
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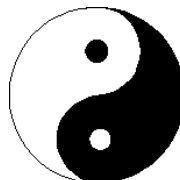
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