

GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

November 2016

154th Issue

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Forthcoming Events

GHPH = Goring Heath Parish Hall

WL = Woodcote Library (CC = Community Centre)

WVH = Whitchurch Village Hall

SJC = Saint John's Church, Whitchurch Hill

October 2016

22 WHCC event

Art Café

November 2016

11 Fri Charity Soup Lunch

GHPH

13 Sun Remembrance Day Wreath Laying

War Memorial

17 Thurs History Society

GHPH

19/20 Sat Sun Art & Craft Exhibition

WVH

24 Thurs South Oxford Archaeology Group

GHPH

December 2016

4 Sun Whitchurch School Fair & Ice Rink

18 Sun Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

SJC

25 Sun Christmas Day Service

SJC

January 2017

19 Thu History Society—Members evening

WVH

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 at:

goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com

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

There are many laws in this country which we are all supposed to obey, and with so many people there are really very few police to enforce them. Most people comply with the law as a matter of course, as cultural changes mean that behaviour that was once common place and which then became illegal, such as drink driving, becomes socially and culturally unacceptable, and we do not need the threat of " being caught " not to do it.

Seeing television pictures of some places in less developed countries, I am often struck by the amount of litter in the streets, and it is good that most people in this country obey the law in respect of litter, and indeed flytipping. With our affluent society, the scope for litter and the casual disposal of consumer goods is huge, so it is good that only a minority throw their drinks cans out of the car window, leave the remains of their KFC Big Meal on the verge, bring their old fridges to the roadside in Mapledurham or dump building or garden waste at the roadside.

It is very difficult to actually bring the force of the law onto the people who form this minority, as it is often difficult to identify them, much less pin the crime on them. Some of us will know who these people are, and all too often their behaviour in other aspects of life is also pretty dubious. Don't buy a used car from a flytipper !

On a more practical note, flytipping should be reported to SODC on 0300 061 0610 or by email to [municipal-team1@biffa.co.uk](mailto:team1@biffa.co.uk). Don't leave it to someone else always to do the right thing; if you see flytipping , report it, and eventually the SODC contractors will remove it.

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.
P16/S1519/FUL Hedgerows Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT New two storey chalet dwelling following demolition of existing bungalow	No Strong Views	Permis-sion
P16/S1854/HH The Pothole Eastfield Lane Goring Heath RG8 7ST Two storey extension to existing property.	Should be Re-fused	Permis-sion
P16/S2249/HH Ladygrove Cottages 3 Road Running Through Lady Grove Lady Grove GORING HEATH RG8 7RU Erection of an oak framed studio outbuilding replacing existing outbuilding.	No Strong Views	Permis-sion
P16/S2211/HH 1 Hermitage Cottages Eastfield Lane Goring Heath RG8 7SU Single storey extension to rear.	No Strong Views	Permis-sion
P16/S2078/LDP Hollycroft Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Change of use from a garage to a living room	No Ob-jections	Certi-ficate of lawful develop-ment
P16/S2431/FUL Cedar Lodge Goring Road Goring Heath RG8 7SH Erection of single detached two-storey dwelling with access, parking and amenity space.	No Strong Views	Permis-sion
P16/S2533/HH Hods Corner Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PN Erection of single storey side extension	No Ob-jections	Permis-sion
P16/S2644/FUL The Sun Inn Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PU Replacement single storey outbuilding used as storeroom for public house	No Ob-jections	Permis-sion

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.

Premises and application details	Parish Council	S.O.D.C.
<p>P16/S2683/FUL The White Lion Goring Road Goring Heath RG8 7SH</p> <p>Erection of two storey building at northern end of site to provide five bed and breakfast units, three staff units and an office and reorganisation of car parking serving public house. Change of use of southern part of site to residential and erection of two detached 5-bedroom dwellings incorporating construction of driveway and parking.</p>	Objects	
<p>P16/S2767/FUL Field View House Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT</p> <p>Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement two-storey 5-bedroom dwelling and detached two-bay garage and garden store.</p>	No Objections	Permission
<p>P16/S2731/FUL The Studio 1 Reading Road Crays Pond RG8 7QE</p> <p>Proposed alterations to existing dwelling including demolition of existing extension and conservatory and proposed new dwelling on existing garden space.</p>	Objects	
<p>P16/S3051/HH Boundary House Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PB</p> <p>Replacement of linking buildings with single storey extension.</p>	No Objections	
<p>P16/S2682/FUL 7 New Buildings Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PW</p> <p>To use part of the paddock (agricultural) as a garden</p>	No Objections	

Newsletter—Volunteer Editor Required

We still need an editor for the newsletter as James has handed over the green eye shades and the Remington portable to a poor substitute hack.

The newsletter is published six times a year, and applicants would benefit from some basic knowledge of MS Publisher or Word as well as a willingness to attend some of the monthly parish council meetings.

Amongst other benefits, you will acquire an increased awareness of the local community, meet some great people and gain experience in the editorial process, whether for the CV, or just enhancing your personal skillset!

Please contact the Editor at goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com for more information.

War Memorial

The Project to restore the War Memorial is under way, and a grant is expected from the War Memorial Trust. In preparing the application for the grant, the background to how the memorial was created was researched.

The idea of a War Memorial was raised soon after the end of the First World War, and on February 11th 1919 a meeting was called in the school, the date chosen as it was a full moon, and various suggestions put forward, including a village cross somewhere in the parish, and by March 1919 a committee had been formed, consisting amongst others of the rector, Lady Rose and Mr C H Palmer. The latter were local landowners, Mr Palmer being a Palmer of Huntley and Palmer, one of Reading's biggest employers.

The committee reported back to another meeting of parishioners on May 31 on their proposal to have a tablet roll of honour in each of the two churches in the parish. This proposal clearly did not go down well, perhaps not surprisingly, as it had not been one of the suggestions that had been put forward at the February public meeting. Mr Hugh Smith proposed an amendment that a cross should be placed in some conspicuous place outside. It is reported that "after some discussion the amendment was carried by a large majority". The meeting then ended, and it seems that the committee stood down as their proposal had been soundly rejected !

The story continues in the next Newsletter !

Fun friendly and affordable physical activity sessions for people aged 60 +

Senior Circuit – a low impact session suitable for all abilities

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Senior Strength Training Circuit

As we grow older our body naturally starts to change and slow down. Our muscles lose mass, ligaments and tendons get stiffer, bones become less dense and more fragile, our heart is less able to send blood quickly around our body and our metabolic rate slows. All of these changes can have significant effects on our physical health and ability to go about our daily lives. Older people are susceptible to health conditions such as osteoporosis, arthritis and diabetes as well as falls and fractures. Although these changes are inevitable with age, sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy choices like smoking and a poor diet can accelerate these changes.

But it isn't all doom and gloom! Research has shown that long term regular exercise can help counteract the effects of ageing and reduce the risk of developing conditions such as high blood pressure and heart disease. Strength training exercises are particularly important to keep our muscles healthy and strong and keep us able to do the things we enjoy for longer.

A circuit of strength training exercises can have many positive effects such as:

- Improving muscle and joint strength and flexibility
- Reducing stress on bones Reducing pain and stiffness
- Improving cardiovascular fitness
- Burning calories
- Increasing metabolism
- Improving mood
- Improving sleep Increasing confidence

South Oxfordshire District Council's Go Active Gold scheme is introducing a new Senior Strength Training Circuit class for people over 60 in Goring Heath.

Stretch and Meditation

With Ann & Michell

September 27th 2016 ongoing

Tuesday evenings- Goring Heath Parish Hall Whitchurch Hill

6.15-7pm strength/stretch/meditation

7.10- 7.55pm stretch/meditation

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£8 per session

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Christmas Rail Travel

Paddington Station will be closed to all rail services from Saturday 24 December to Thursday 29 December. This will mean GWR rail services starting and finishing at Ealing Broadway, where passengers can make a connection to the underground, or scheduled bus services for travel into London.

In addition, no trains will call at Acton Main Line and Hanwell from 24 December to 1 January or the Greenford branch from 24 December to 2 January. Tickets will be valid on scheduled London Bus or TfL Underground services.

The Marlow line will close from 24 December to 2 January, and trains will also not call at Burnham or Taplow. We will provide replacement bus services for Burnham, Taplow and the branch line.



GO ACTIVE GOLD

Yoga Classes For The Over 50s

Goring Heath Parish Hall Whitchurch Hill

Starting Thursday September 9th

9.15 -10.30am

£6 per session

Instructor Daniela Capasso

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simone.passeri@southandvale.gov.uk or

Daniela Capasso danielacapasso2000@yahoo.it – 07917673692

BUSES

Goring Heath and Whitchurch Parish Councils have together stepped in to subsidise the cost of the 143 bus service to Reading until March next year. Before we commit to carrying on next year, we want to gather the opinions of residents.

Included in this Newsletter is a questionnaire from the Save Our Bus Action Group, and a single question from the parish council.

Please reply to our question

Charity Soup Lunch

Friday 11th November
At Goring Heath Parish Hall
From 12.30 onwards

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Vicky Jordan

Almshouses Sunday Services

November and December

11.00 am Sung Eucharist

November 6th, December 4th

11.00 am Sung Matins

November 13th, 20th and 27th

December 11th, 18th, 25th

All these services are traditional Book of Common Prayer

The Chapel, Allnutt Alms Houses, Goring Heath, RG8 7RS.

The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club

Organiser: Christine Martin

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

Tel: 0118 9844252 e.mail whitchurchtheatreclub@gmail.com

The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club takes you to musicals, plays, ballets, operas, classical concerts etc. once a month or more.

Salisbury, Cheltenham, Oxford, Stratford 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.

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WHITCHURCH HILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our usual business meetings resumed in September after the summer break, and we heard an interesting talk by Daniel Akam of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust on the work of the Trust in caring for our local wildlife, and local rarities, this was followed by "Hedgehogs – and what you can do to help them" with good advice on how to make your garden more hedgehog-friendly.

Whitchurch Hill Women's Institute members also ran a coffee morning at the Art Cafe in Whitchurch-on-Thames at the end of September, providing homemade cakes, tea or coffee and a raffle which was well attended. The subject for our October meeting (which has not yet taken place at the time of writing) is entitled "A Passion for Pearls" – more about this in our next, and we are looking forward to a talk on "Red Kites in the Chilterns" in November, and all kinds of pre-Christmas excitements in December, including a visit to Waring's Bakery for a demonstration "Getting Ready for Christmas".

We have regular business meetings with speakers on a variety of subjects, and most months we also have a social (walk and pub lunch) or craft morning and other events – usually on the first Tuesday of the month. Guests are welcome to come and see what we do. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, except for December and August, at Goring Heath Parish Hall RG8 7NY at 10am, for further information please telephone 0118 984 1696

Patricia Dent

Defibrillator

A Defibrillator has now been installed at Goring Heath Parish Hall.

This can be used for incidents at the Hall or on the Green. No training is needed to use this model of Defibrillator, the cost of which has been met by grants.

More information in the next Newsletter.

Whitchurch-on-Thames Christmas Market

Sunday 4th December
11am to 3pm

Whitchurch Primary School
Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch-on-Thames



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Whitchurch Christmas Market

The elves are already busy planning this year's Whitchurch Christmas Market which will again be held at Whitchurch Primary School from 11am - 3pm on Sunday 4th December. This year we are so excited to be adding an outdoor ice skating rink for children and adults to enjoy (please email whitchurchiceskating@gmail.com to book your tickets- 30 mins slots are £6 per child, £8 per adult and £25 per family). We will also be holding a raffle with some amazing prizes including dinner for two at the Crooked Billet, a Sunday roast for four at The Elephant Hotel and lots, lots more (please email carolinejacollins@gmail.com to buy your raffle tickets). We will have Santa returning in his grotto, some wonderful craft and gift stalls and many children's activities. We will also be serving lots of refreshments, which of course will include mulled wine and mince pies. It's a great community event that is suitable for all ages, with something for everyone to enjoy. All proceeds are in aid of Whitchurch Primary School. We would like to thank all our sponsors: The Co-op Pangbourne, The Elephant Hotel, The Ferryboat, The Sun, Warmingham and Whitchurch Bridge Company for their kind support. Put the date in your diary and come along for lots of fun-filled festivities!

Student Grants

Whitchurch United Charities has funds available to help meet the costs associated with educational needs such as books, equipment or educational trips.

Eligible students are young people between the ages of 5 and 25 years and whose permanent residence is within the church parish of Whitchurch, which includes Whitchurch Hill

Applications are processed twice a year, with the closing dates being 28th February and 31st August. However, late applications are considered if the available funds for the previous 6 month period have not been fully allocated.

If you would like to know more, please do contact Peter Hawley (our Grant Application Secretary) on (0118) 984 1647

Goring Heath and Whitchurch Autumn Show

The Goring Heath and Whitchurch Autumn Show was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday and, as always, the exhibits of fruit, vegetables, flowers, baking, art, crafts, flower arrangements and photographs highlighted the talents of the entrants. The committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who entered, to the judges – Rodney Davis, Ann Lewis, Sally Woolhouse and Jim Donahue, to the volunteers who helped set up on Friday evening and clear up on Saturday afternoon and to the 'viewing public' who supported the event by buying plants, refreshments and raffle tickets as well as enjoying seeing the wonderful exhibits.

The very deserving trophy winners were:

The Allotment Cup (for the most points in the Vegetables and Fruit Section)
John Coupland

The Betty Haytor Memorial Cup (for the most points in the Flowers Section)
Dave Sexon

The Floral Arrangement Trophy (for the most points in Flower Arranging Section)
Sue Sexon

The Handicraft Trophy Viv Chambers

The Art Trophy Liz Gibson

The Arts and Crafts Trophy (for the most points in Art and Handicraft Section)
Liz Gibson

The Baking and Preserves Cup Sue Matthews

The Photography Cup Joint Winners - Lorna Woolhouse and David Pearson

The Douglas Allardyce Memorial Rose Bowl (for the most outstanding exhibit in the Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers Sections) John Coupland – for his basket of vegetables

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Children's 1st place rosette (for a fingerprint painting) Sophie Bucknall

Children's 2nd place rosette (for a fingerprint painting) Woody Taylor

Children's 1st place rosette (for four Rice Krispie Cakes) Eve Taylor

The Children's Cup (for the most points or best exhibit in the Children's Section)

Eve Taylor

Whitchurch Hill Trophy (for the most points overall)

John Coupland.

The Spring Show 2017 will be on Saturday, 1st April (yes, April Fool's Day!) so put the date in next year's diary as soon as you get it.

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South Oxfordshire Archaeology Group's November lecture

Thursday November 24th Two 30 minute lectures by SOAG members:

- **Field Work by The Roman Studies Group of Surrey Archaeological Society**
- **Excavating a Saxon sunken featured building in Blewbury**

Goring Heath Parish Hall, Whitchurch Hill, 7.30pm. Non-members welcome.



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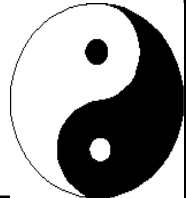
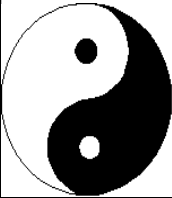
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If you haven't already done so, please head over to Facebook, search for 'Goring Heath Parish News' and Like us to ensure you are kept up to date with any new information that we put on there.

And of course, if you'd like to publish any news or advertise any events on the Facebook page, please contact the editor at:

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Councils binning black and coloured sacks in recycling bins !

From November, your green bin will be emptied only if the recycling in it is loose or in clear sacks so the operators can see what is there, and if there is a black or coloured or white bag the bin will be left.

Despite a recent campaign to raise awareness of the issue, some people are still putting in things like food waste and dirty nappies, contaminating whole truckloads of recycling - when these things are put into recycling bins in black or coloured sacks they're not spotted until it's too late.

If there's a sack in a recycling bin and the waste crews can't see what's in it, they'll have to assume it contains contamination and won't empty it.

Don't forget you can recycle batteries (not car !) by leaving them in a plastic bag on top of the green bin, and old clothes in a bag by the green bin. Small electrical items can be recycled by leaving them in a bag by the black bin.

There is an exciting video about this on Youtube, <https://youtu.be/ycwHKZ3-3vY>, link on goringheath.com, and more information on the SODC website

Dear Sir

Things are not looking good for the future of our local bus.

Many people – pensioners, commuters and students alike – rely on this important service. With an increasingly aging population demand is bound to increase. Also, as a fellow correspondent who recently broke a wrist and could not drive for 4 months points out, any one of us could at some time need to use the bus.

The parish council have it within their powers to save the bus but it will require them to make an increase to the parish precept. They are, understandably, reluctant to do this without the support of the parishioners.

With this in mind we have got together to raise a petition to save the bus.

A copy of the petition document accompanies this issue of the newsletter.

Please could we ask you to give this document some serious thought and if you are in agreement to sign the petition. This is possibly our last chance to save the bus so please don't hesitate to act.

Yours

David Pearce

SOBAG (Save Our Bus Action Group)

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New way to sell in Goring Heath

Thamesmove is a new local online estate agents serving Goring Heath, Whitchurch Hill and Crays Pond along with the other villages in the RG8 postcode area. It is run by Tom Shaw and his partner who have lived in the local area for the last 18 years.

"Thamesmove is a hybrid estate agent. We keep our fees low by not operating high street premises, however we provide the same local and personal focus that you find with a high street estate agent."



HD video is a powerful way to sell your home

HD video holds the attention of buyers and tenants for much longer which allows us to sell all the features of your home together with the lifestyle that comes from living in Goring Heath and being part of the local community.

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Having problems at university? Contact Citizens Advice

Autumn is the time of yellowing leaves, darkness in the evenings, a stern chill in the mornings, and difficult goodbyes as children leave home for university. For many, this transition from family life to independent living can be difficult and stressful to manage.

And once on campus, or especially in private rented accommodation, new students can find themselves facing the jaundiced indifference of adult life as they struggle with practical problems which they hadn't anticipated: "What's the best way to revise for exams?" "I don't like my course - can I transfer to a different one?" "How do I open a bank account?" "I have a disability - what about wheelchair access?" "Does my landlord have responsibility for repairs?" "Can I get a part-time job?" In addition, there are all the questions they forgot to ask their parents: "How do you cook spaghetti?" "Where do I put the powder in the washing machine?"

The glorious liberation that college life is supposed to be, the golden key that unlocks the door of life and gives access to unbribed freedom and fulfilment, seems very far away when you're wondering why you don't have any friends, or have failing grades, or feel crippling homesickness, or can't pay your rent.

Many of us at Citizens Advice have been through all of this. If you are a first-year student, or about to become one, or if you feel that you can't cope with undergraduate life, or if you need support, contact us. Call Adviceline on 03444 111 444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. We're here to help. Locations and opening hours of our offices in Oxfordshire South and Vale can be found on www.caox.org.uk

The Sun Also Rises

We are pleased to welcome Giles and Nina, the new team at the Sun Inn. Giles was formerly head chef at the Great House in Sonning, having also gained experience in Dubai. Although Giles and Nina have only been at the Sun for a few weeks, they have already made the Sun a popular destination for good food. "We use fresh ingredients all the time", explains Giles, "so our menu is constantly changing as it is dependent on what is available. Our Sunday roast lunch has really taken off, and we had sixty customers last week, which was brilliant, if exhausting"

Although Nina and Giles are keen to build up the restaurant side of the business, the essential character of the local pub is not being ignored. Great beers from the West Berkshire Brewery, Good Old Boy and Mr Chubb have already been supplemented by a fine lager from the same brewery, Saazsbrucker Pilsner. "It's a much more interesting lager than Stella or Becks", says Giles, "and it's proving very popular. We have now just brought in a mild beer for the winter, also from West Berkshire". Wine drinkers have not been forgotten, with a wide range of good wine available by the glass or bottle.

Looking ahead, there's going to be a magnificent bonfire night, as Richard Hazell has promised to build a massive bonfire, so it should be a great night for the community. Also planned are live music evenings, as well as curry nights on a Monday. Looking further ahead, Giles and Nina hope to provide more seating for diners, to improve the area outside the front of the pub, and to enhance the garden behind the pub.

"We are really thrilled to be here, and we have been delighted with how things have gone so far," say Giles and Nina, "and we look forward to the Sun being a thriving local pub, something that is now increasingly rare"

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year is 13 November, and as usual there will be a Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial from 10.45 to 11.10. The road will be closed at this time, so either seek an alternative route or wait. At the ceremony, wreaths are laid by the two parish councils, the names of the war dead are read out, and the Last Post is sounded. After two minutes silence, Reveille is sounded. With a large crowd on what is often a beautiful morning, in this quiet setting amongst the towering beech trees with their golden dying leaves, the ceremony is a moving occasion, remembering the men of the past from our villages who gave their lives for their country.

Winter Draws On

We have been lucky for the past three years or so not to have had any serious snowfalls, but this winter could be different. In recent years, the Parish Council has arranged for grit bins to be installed in hot spots around the parish so that the sections of roads that are particularly difficult when the snow comes can be fixed by anyone with a shovel. Although called grit, it's actually a very coarse rock salt.

The parish also has its own supply of salt/grit in handy bags that are available for any public spirited resident who will undertake to keep the bag in their garage and shed and then, when the snow comes, use it on the road-way outside their home. It is surprising how effective what seems like just a sprinkling of the grit is in turning packed snow and ice to slush.

Our thanks to those people who are still hanging onto their bag of salt, hoping to be able to spring into action for the public good. If anyone else would like a bag, (it's about 30kg) please contact the parish clerk and it can be delivered to you. Please remember that this is for public spirited people working for the common good, not for use on your own property.

Goring Heath Village Hall Update

In the last edition of the newsletter I reported that for first time in many years the village hall committee was seeking extra funding to meet the expense of refurbishing the three main windows, one of which needs complete replacement as it has rotted beyond repair. I am pleased to say we are now well on our way with a successful grant application to SODC resulting in £3743 towards the cost of the project and a donation of £350 from the fete committee. We are now eagerly waiting to hear the result of further grant applications to meet the total required of just over £8000.

Early next year we are intending to hold a quiz night and a touring theatre event that we hope will not only be great fun but also raise funds for the hall. Watch out for event details in the next edition of the newsletter.

Those who attended the Harvest Supper will have noticed the first outing for our new canteen of cutlery; we now have smart matching place settings for sixty. We also have recently purchased some folding chairs that are suitable for outdoor use and are available for use in the hall garden and for hire independently. These recent purchases are to keep the hall smartly equipped and suitable for a wide variety of events.

For enquiries about hiring the hall please contact Theresa Elsome the Hall Manager 0118 9842056.

Letters

Sir

As an inveterate car user, I had never thought twice about provision of the 143 bus service. That is, until an accident resulting in a broken wrist earlier this year left me unable to drive for 4 months.

What a lifeline this bus service turned out to be! What happened to me could happen to anyone and I discovered at first hand just how vital the bus is to those without their own transport.

I would urge the Parish Council to do all in their power to retain the service, and for the parishioners to support them in their efforts.

Yours sincerely

Jane Kennard

Sir

I am extremely concerned by the thought that we might soon no longer have a local bus service.

I am a pensioner in my mid- seventies. I currently have a car which I frequently use to travel to Pangbourne in order to visit the shops, doctor, dentist, hairdresser and so on. I also need to make occasional trips to Reading in order to visit the banks, larger shops and other facilities that are not provided in Pangbourne. I no longer feel at ease driving to Reading and choose to use the bus instead. Also I consider this to be a more sociable, hassle free and environmentally friendly means of transport.

I envisage a time, perhaps not that far into the future, when I am no longer able to drive. I dread to think how I will cope if, come the day, there is no longer a bus for me to use. There must be many other people in the village who are in a similar position to me.

I understand that there is a petition to save the bus. I would be very grateful if everybody could consider not only their own current and future transport needs but also those of others by giving this petition their full support.

Ann Bradley

The Whitchurch Society
are holding their annual
**Art & Craft Exhibition
2016**

at
Whitchurch Village Hall, Manor Road
on the weekend of **Sat 19th / Sun 20th November,**
10am-5pm

Refreshments served all day
Prize giving at 4.30pm on Sunday

Sending-in of exhibits:
Thursday 17th Nov 7-8pm at May Cottage, Eastfield Lane &
Friday 18th Nov 10am - Noon at the Village Hall

Joyce Voysey Prize Theme is 'TREES'

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> or please ring the phone number below for a printed copy of the schedule.

If you have any queries or would like to help with running of the exhibition, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sally Woolhouse 0118 984 4365 or email sally@wotarts.co.uk

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Play Time

The playground area in Garton End at Crays Pond is now completely refurbished with new equipment and new fencing . This expensive operation has been done with significant financial support from the National Lottery Fund and South Oxfordshire District Council, and big thanks are due to Councillor Nick Elsome who did all the hard work in completing the endless forms needed to get these grants, which have covered 100% of the cost.

We have also purchased a lightweight goal for the recreation ground in Whitchurch Hill. This has proved very popular, and also reduced the wear on the grass at the existing fixed goal. We are also investigating installing a concrete table tennis table on this recreation ground. As a full size tennis court is not currently a practical proposition, this seems like a good alternative.

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