

GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

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Goring Heath NEWS **Forthcoming Events**

GHPH = Goring Heath Parish Hall

WVH = Whitchurch Village Hall

ORS = Old Rectory Stables

SJC = St John's Church, Whit. Hill

WL = Woodcote Library (CC = Community Centre)

Bowls Club Open roll-ups every Monday at 2 pm Almshouses
Badminton Club—every Thursday pm (term time) Langtree School

November 2018

- 2 Whitchurch Hill Twinning Association, EMIJ Soul Band,
Pangbourne Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 10/11 Pangbourne Art Group Annual Exhibition, 10—5,
Pangbourne Village Hall
- 11 Remembrance Sunday 10.50—11.10 M
- 12 Local walk—10.30—12, meet by Sun Pub
- 15 Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Soc. "Saunders of the
River", 7.30 GHPH
- 20 WHWI—Speaker Tom Way, Wildlife Through the Lens
10.15 GHPH
- 24/25 Whitchurch Art and Craft weekend WVH

December 2019

- 12 Local walk—10.30—12, meet by Sun Pub, Whitchurch Hill

January 2019

- 17 Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Soc. WVH
Members' evening, 7.30

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

One of the matters that has concerned us is the courtyard at the Goring Heath Alms Houses. The Alms houses and the Courtyard are listed buildings, Grade 1. The courtyard, like the rest of the Alms houses, was laid out in about 1720-30, and until recently was surfaced in local cobbles, which would have come from the local area. In 1994, the cobbles were re-laid, with planning permission and listed building consent, and a set of strict conditions. At the same time, flag stones were laid to create paths that meant that there was no need to actually walk on the cobbles.

For some reason, that is not entirely clear, the current Trustees of the Alms houses decided to rip the cobbles up and replace them with a modern tarmac type surface. SODC was told that the cobbles were modern, and, on that information, advised that while planning consent was needed to remove them, it is likely that such consent would be given. In the event, the Trustees did the work without planning permission or listed building consent, much to the dismay of a number of local people.

After pressure, the Trustees applied for retrospective consent earlier this year, but then the SODC Conservation Officer stated that the Courtyard surface was not part of the listing, so planning consent was not needed after all. This extraordinary statement completely refuted the position taken in 1994 when the cobbles were re-laid. The Parish Council took legal advice, and it is quite clear that the Conservation Officer is wrong, and we have advised this to SODC. The Trustees have applied for a Certificate of Lawful Development, while the Parish Council, with other conservation bodies, is pressing for enforcement and reinstatement.

We await a decision by SODC. Fortunately, as a listed building, there is no time limit for action to be taken.

This is a sorry tale of deception and incompetence, for one of the statutory duties of SODC is to have special regard to the protection of listed buildings, a duty reinforced in the recent National Planning Policy Framework. It would seem that in this case SODC was too ready to accept at face value statements made which, with a few minutes of checking of their own files, would have revealed to have been false. It is difficult to believe that the Planning Department at SODC is fit for purpose in these matters.

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	SODC
P18/S2935/AG Field adj Path Hill Farm Timber framed barn for agricultural purposes and storage, a farm yard and road.	No strong view	
P18/S2981/HH Furzmoor Cottage Coldhar-bout .Replacement of existing sunroom with larger sunroom/4th bedroom, ensuite.	No strong view	
P18/S2713/FUL The Oratory Preparatory School Changing Facilities.	No strong view	
P18/S2845/LB Coombe End Farmhouse Replacement of the lead sheet flat roof finishes, following their theft, with either terne-coated stainless steel or with zinc sheet.	Support	Granted
P18/S2504/FUL15 Hocketts Close Whitchurch Hill Division of existing residence into 2 separate dwellings.	Objection	
P18/S2610/FUL The Studio Crays Pond Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 3 (levels) on application ref. P17/S1173/FUL to increase the level of the proposed dwelling by 0.5 metre.	Objection	
P18/S2725/HH Willow Pool 21 Orchard Coombe Whitchurch Hill Demolition of existing garage. Erection of 2 storey side extension with garage and works to roof to enable accommodation in the roof space. Single storey extension to rear.	No Strong views	
P18/S2555/FUL Former Goring Heath Poultry Farm Goring Heath Erection of a training building, 5 huts and the renovation of disused fire station, ablutions block and parking	Should be refused	
P18/S2551/FUL Cherry Cottage Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill Erection of two detached residential dwellings, new accesses, landscaping and associated works.	Should be refused	
P18/S2665/LDP14 Hill Bottom Close Whitchurch Hill Single storey ground floor rear extension	No Strong views	Granted

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.

Recreation Ground play equipment

The Parish Council has considered the improvements we could make to the Recreation Ground, and have concluded that while the provision is reasonable for younger children, something for the age group of 10 to 14 year olds would be good. The possibilities include a large tyre swing, the type that can accommodate more than one person on a horizontal tyre and swings in circular motion; an extension to the existing climbing frame is also being explored. We have discounted a rope slide and skateboard ramp. We are also planning to remove the rocking horse, as it never seemed to be able to break out of the most gentle walk however much it was encouraged.

Peter Dragonetti

White Lion Public House

Nothing much appears to have happened at the White Lion in recent months, although SODC advised us that it was due to reopen before 13th September. Thirsty locals have been appearing at normal opening time on a regular basis since then, but have been turned away.

We have now heard that SODC are applying for an injunction at the High Court in November. We understand that the current use of the residential part of the White Lion without the pub being open is unlawful. The residential part is only lawful as ancillary to the function as a pub.

So another chapter in the long saga, which is perhaps nearing a conclusion.

Remembrance at the War Memorial**11 November 2018**

Our annual ceremony of Remembrance at the War Memorial will be preceded by a service in St Johns Church at 9.30, after which there is time to walk down to the War Memorial which we restored to its original glory last year. The ceremony at the War Memorial is informal, and takes the form of reading the names of those of the parishes who lost their lives in the two world wars, a prayer, the reading of familiar and appropriate poems, and the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille.



If you have not been before, why not join us as we gather to remember those of our villages, and our own relations, who died in these wars. We are usually lucky with a dry, mild day, and with the road closed to traffic for the duration of the ceremony, it is a solemn and memorable occasion.

Join us from 10.40 onwards, the road is closed from 10.50, and is reopened at about 11.10.

Vacancy on the Parish Council

There is a vacancy on the parish council following the resignation of Marjo McGee. If you are interested in coming forward, or wish to know more, please contact the parish clerk. We hope to be able to make a decision on filling the vacancy at our next meeting on 8 November, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you are interested.

Marjo McGee

We were sorry to have to accept the resignation of Marjo McGee as a Parish Councillor at our September meeting. Marjo has been a Parish Councillor since 2007, and has over the years made a valuable contribution to our work helping us come to decisions for the whole community.

We are very sorry that she has stood down.

Peter Dragonetti

The Whitchurch Society
are holding their annual
Art & Craft Exhibition
2018

at
Whitchurch Village Hall, Manor Road
on the weekend of **Sat 24th/25th November**, 10am-5pm

Refreshments served all day
Prize giving at 4.30pm on Sunday

Sending-in of exhibits:
Thursday 22nd Nov 7-8pm & Friday 23rd Nov 10am - Noon
at Whitchurch Village Hall (please note new venue for Thursday evening)

Joyce Voysey Prize Theme is 'DOGS'

We look forward to receiving entries for the exhibition from ALL age groups, and from previous contributors. 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 the video category. 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!

Please note that we are excited to announce a new prize, namely

The Brazil Award.

This will be awarded for the best short video entry (max 5 minutes in length) and is open to all ages. The details of this and all of the categories and entry rules are set out on the website at <http://wotarts.co.uk> or please ring the phone number below

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

GOODBYE TO HAZARDOUS STILES

Keen walkers and casual dog-walkers alike will be pleased to learn that the parish is now 'stile free' on all the local footpaths.

Before its replacement with a smart new metal gate, the last stile in the parish had become difficult to use, and was rather rickety. The new gate is on the footpath which leads north from the B471, just next door to the White Lion Public House, giving easy access into the upper end of Woodcote.

The installation of the gate marks the culmination of several years of planning and hard work by volunteers from the Chiltern Society. They have been working to improve access for everyone, especially those who love to walk but have trouble clambering over stiles, and have been gradually replacing the stiles in Goring Heath with easy-to-use gates.

The gates have been funded by a variety of sources, but in honour of its status as the last stile to be replaced, this gate has been funded by the parish council. At a very reasonable cost of £150, I hope you will all agree that it was money well spent.

So now there is nothing to stop you going out for a bracing winter walk and enjoying our extensive network of footpaths and bridleways!

If you come across any problems, such as fallen trees and such-like, please let me know. My contact details are at the back of the magazine. Happy walking.

Liz Collas
(Footpath
Representative)



Traffic speed control at Crays Pond

A considerable number of people in the parish have expressed concern about the speed of traffic in Crays Pond. This has been discussed at length within the Parish Council and we believe that it would be appropriate to seek a reduction of the speed limit within the village from 40mph to 30mph to reduce risk to our residents and other road users.

The Parish Council is now planning to discuss with the County Council their support in adopting the reduced speed limit. For completeness, the funding of this change will have to be borne by the parish and is likely to be in the order of £5,000 all in.

We feel that there are strong arguments for this reduction. They include: the national policy for the default speed limit in villages is 30mph; that Crays Pond seems to be an anomaly given that all other villages locally have a 30mph limit; the environment is dangerous given the staggered junction, limited road visibility at the junction, lack of pavements and poor street lighting; the type of people in and around this location who could be particularly vulnerable, including a large number of children, the elderly, a busy school, cyclists and horses; and finally, the not infrequent incidents that already occur at the junction.

The Parish Council would welcome any views on the subject and in particular, would like to hear from any residents who do not feel that this is an appropriate initiative to be taking.

Chris Jessop

Crays Pond Telephone Box

After public consultation, the parish council it has decided that the newly adopted Crays Pond telephone box will be used as a mini 'library'.

Members pf the public will be able to bring along books already read and pick up new books free of charge.



Trees of Remembrance Project: Sapling and Commemorative Plaque to be planted in Crays Pond

As part of the nation's commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice of WW1, Oxfordshire County Council is partnering with The Woodland Trust, for a project of lasting remembrance.

It is making one native tree sapling available, with a commemorative plaque to go alongside these, to all town and parish councils in Oxfordshire. They have worked with their partners from the Armed Forces in Oxfordshire to agree the wording for the plaques;

Our parish's tree is to be planted at the crossroads in Crays Pond. It is hoped that the Trees of Remembrance project will reflect the gratitude of our communities for the sacrifices people in Oxfordshire have made.



Pangbourne Art Group

Pangbourne Art Group would like to invite you to their Annual Exhibition on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November 2018 at Pangbourne Village Hall from 10am - 5pm each day.

Free admission - refreshments - meet the artists - demonstrations, affordable art and a variety of cards to purchase.

www.pangbourneartgroup.com

Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society

On Thursday October 18th we welcomed back Tim Healey who gave us a very interesting talk about Drove Roads in Oxfordshire and beyond. These traditional routes for moving livestock to market can be identified by various indications, and stretched across the countryside, with animals grazing as they went.

Our last meeting of the year takes place at Goring Heath Parish Hall on Thursday November 15th when Mike Hurst presents “Saunders of the River”. The Saunders in question was the famous boat builder in Goring who went on to found the Saunders-Roe aviation company.

Meetings start at 8pm, coffee from 7.30pm. All welcome, non-members £3, to include coffee and biscuits.

We start off the New Year down the hill, at Whitchurch Village Hall, on Thursday 17th January. This will be a Members’ Evening, when we will have the chance to present research we have done, look at queries received, and scrutinise some of our archives. Often this is the most “local” of our meetings.

Stephen Barker will speak at our AGM on Thursday 21st February on the subject of “The Armistice of 1918 and After”. The meeting is at Whitchurch Village Hall, all welcome.

Vicky Jordan

Whitchurch and Goring Heath Twinning Association

We are teaming up with Pangbourne Twinning Association to present an exciting evening of entertainment from France. The fifteen musicians in the EMIJ Soul Band play soul and standards with great flair and energy and had the Whitchurch twidders dancing in the aisles at a visit to La Bouille a couple of years ago.

The date is Friday 2nd November, the place is Pangbourne Village Hall, the time 8pm (doors open 7.30pm, the ticket price £10 and there will be a bar for wine, beer and soft drinks.

Tickets from Ian Bruce (07879 405559) ian.bruce@btinternet.com
Or Antonia (07971 859594) antoniadesforges@gmail.com

The Goring Heath and Whitchurch Autumn Show

The Goring Heath and Whitchurch Autumn show was a testament to the entrants who managed to provide flowers, fruit and vegetables in spite of the cold spring and the very hot summer this year. The weather couldn't have thrown any more obstacles in the way. Surprisingly, the entries were of a high standard. There was also a good number of entries in the gingerbread category.

Many thanks to all the helpers who got the show on the road, particularly Sarah Hanfrey for her computer work, and to the judges who give of their time and expertise. Well done to all those of you who won prizes!

The winners were:

The Allotment cup for most points in the vegetables and fruit section, as well as the Whitchurch Hill trophy for most points overall - John Coupland.

The Betty Haytor Memorial cup was won by David Pearson who also won the Douglas Allardyce Memorial Rose Bowl for his magnificent begonia.

Floral Arrangement trophy was shared 3 ways by Angie Simpson, Denyse Williams and Sue Matthews.

Both the Art trophy and the Arts and Craft trophy were won by Liz Gibson.

The Handicraft trophy - Frances Strange

Baking and Preserves cup - Carol Lane

Tricia Clapp swept the boards to take the Photography cup.

The Children's cup was won by Bethany Strange.

The Spring show is on April 13th, 2019. It would be lovely to see you and your friends there, both entering and visiting for viewing and tea.

Sue Sexon



Some photographs from the Goring Heath and Whitchurch Autumn Show

Frances Strange (pictured) who won the Handicraft Trophy



John Coupland (pictured) who won the Allotment Cup for the most points in the vegetables and fruit section, and the Whitchurch Hill trophy for most points overall.

Sometimes Goring Heath hits the national press; this appeared in Private Eye in August this year

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NOOKS and CORNERS

THE trustees of a grade I-listed almshouses building in Oxfordshire have ripped out its cobbled courtyard and replaced it with a bonded latex gravel surface more suited to a shopping centre than a precious historic building.

Alnutts Hospital in Goring Heath dates from the 1720s, when it was founded by Henry Alnutt, a former mayor of London. There are six almshouses, still in use as affordable housing for retired people, and a chapel, all built in Queen Anne-style grey and red brick, forming a U-shape around a courtyard. The listing for the site covers "Alnutts Hospital and attached forecourt walls and gate".

As the chapel was long used for services by the nearby former Goring Heath Endowed School (now converted into housing), the buildings have played a big part in village life and are much-loved by long-standing locals. So Goring Heath parish council was not amused to receive a retrospective application for planning permission to replace the cobbled courtyard with very modern-looking bonded gravel. The work is already completed, and so far planners at South Oxfordshire have supported the trustees, saying that although the courtyard itself is an important feature, the change of surfacing material is not harmful to the significance of the almshouses.

The trustees argue that the cobbles were becoming a health and safety issue; but the courtyard already had smooth paved pathways of York stone to walk on. They also claim, weirdly, that 1970s aerial photos show a gravel surface,

so the cobbles were a modern addition. Local memories and archive photos (including some on the almshouse charity's own website) all say very differently.

Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society (OAHS) says that while the cobbles were indeed re-set in the 1970s, it's highly likely the original cobbles, contemporary with the buildings, were reused and that they were "entirely in keeping" with other historical buildings in the area.

OAHS has also submitted an objection to the granting of permission for "patently modern type

of surfacing" after the fact. It notes that given the building's listed status as being of exceptional national historical interest, "the case for replacing the cobbles would have to be of the highest order, and this threshold has clearly not been met". In fact, it says, there appears to have been no proper

assessment of whether the cobbles even presented a real safety risk (given that there were paths between them), no heritage assessment and no exploration of other options.

The parish council is demanding that the trustees be required to reinstate the cobbles through enforcement action. Parish council chair Peter Dragonetti told the *Eye* that "what had been a very charming and characterful setting for the almshouses and the chapel... now looks like a shopping centre". Indeed, he added, the same bonded latex gravel has also recently been used in the refurbishment of St Martin's Precinct in nearby Caversham!

fuelled in large part by the fact that in England more than 2m properties have been bought under



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Good and Bad

In the early years of the 20th Century, members of the Rothschild banking family were very interested in the natural world. Charles Rothschild had founded the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves (SPNR - now The Wildlife Trusts) in May 1912, with the objective of protecting special places for wildlife. Over the next three years, Charles Rothschild coordinated a national survey of wildlife sites 'worthy of preservation' in Britain and Ireland. What was new about this approach to preserving 'wild life' was that it focused on preserving the habitat rather than just the individual species within it. By 1915, the SNPR had compiled a list of 284 sites 'worthy of preservation' - the Rothschild Reserves. Many of these sites are now under the protection of different Wildlife Trust, or organisations such as RSPB. Some sites were lost or damaged due to development or war time necessities. Locally, Hartslock was identified in 1912 for the orchids which are of course still there. Originally the area was greater but part was ploughed up in the Second World War.

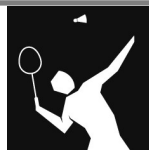
Charles Rothschild's elder brother Walter Rothschild, was also interested in nature, but in a different way. He stated at age 7 that he wanted to run a zoological museum, and with the wealth to do so, he eventually amassed one of the largest natural history collections in the world at his home, Tring Park, containing 300,000 bird skins, 200,000 birds' eggs, 2,250,000 butterflies and 30,000 beetles, as well as thousands of specimens of mammals, reptiles and fishes.

Following a visit to Hungary in 1902, Rothschild brought six live edible dormice (*Glis glis*) back to Tring. Some of them escaped and started breeding successfully in the wild; they have now spread to this area, and have become a real pest, as they make their way into roof spaces and chew through electrical cables. A number of properties in Goring Heath have suffered from them. If you hear noises at night in your loft, then you may have been invaded.

You can stop *Glis glis* getting in your home by ensuring gaps and holes are blocked up. Be careful not to block air vents, but adapt them with fine meshing. Trees or foliage should be maintained so that they do not overhang your property and any climbers, ivy, etc. should ideally be trimmed away from roofs or gutters.

Even though considered an invasive species, they are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. In appearance, the glisglis is like a small version of the grey squirrel. The head and body are about 150mm (6") long and the bushy tail is about 125mm (5") long. The fur is silvery grey, shading to a light colour underneath and there is a ring of black hair around each eye.

RG8 Badminton Club



The clocks have gone forward and the dark evenings have arrived. Do you need something to perk you up? Then look no further – get hold of badminton racket and join us for fitness, fun and friendship on Thursday evenings!

We play each week in term time in the Community Sports Hall at Langtree School, Woodcote. We're a friendly club with a range of abilities and welcome members from 14 years old upwards. You'll need to have some playing experience and be able to play the basic range of strokes. Do come along for a free evening's playing-in session to decide if you wish to join.

We keep fees to a minimum – equivalent to £3 per evening. There's a 50 per cent discount for junior members – thanks to the generous donation by the Woodcote Rally Charitable Association - and fully registered DBS players available at all times.

If you would like to know more about our club visit our website – www.rg8badminton.co.uk – or ring Julie Drury on 01491 681654. Hope to see you soon!

Christmas train travel information from Great Western Railways

If you need to travel on Great Western Railways over the Christmas period, the rail company are recommending that customers make their Christmas getaway by

Saturday 22nd as improvement work will start from Sunday 23rd December and on many routes will continue through to the New Year. As in previous years there will be no trains on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

This year, services on the North Downs, West of England, South Wales and Bristol lines are affected, some with diversions and others with replacement buses.

For more information, go to www.GWR.com/Christmas

WHITCHURCH HILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Guests are welcome, please telephone Patricia Dent on 0118 984 1696 or email: pmdent@btinternet.com if you would like more information. Come along and find out what we do. Our meetings are held at Goring Heath Parish Hall RG8 7NY at 10.15am, doors open 10am on the third Tuesday (except for December).

Patricia Dent

Enjoy a stroll but no-one to walk with?

Five months after our inaugural walk a group of friendly social walkers get together once a month to try a different footpath or two around our Parish.

Please feel free to join us. We meet at 10.30 outside the Sun Pub and finish the walk by 12 noon. Our next walking dates are:

Monday 12 November, and Monday 10 December.

Want to know more? Ring **Sally on 07585 195669**.

Parking Charges in Pangbourne Working Men's club car park

A warning about parking in the Working Men's Club car park in Pangbourne.

I recently received a very hefty fine for exceeding the parking time on my ticket and I am becoming aware of others who have also experienced the same.

There is a sophisticated camera system within the car park which logs your entry and exit times (instead of when your ticket is purchased from the ticket machine), and if you fail to pay sufficient to cover the entire duration of your stay, then you will receive a letter from Parking Eye demanding payment of a significant fine (in my case £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days).

-Ed



*Goring Heath Parish Char-
ity*

Regd. No 1056772

Advance Notice

Quiz Night

**Goring Heath Parish Hall
Saturday 9th February 2019
8pm**

Don't miss out on the now famous

Mike Holland Quiz Night!

So book your table now.

Phone Theresa on 0118 984 2056
or email

Volunteering grants are available ...but not for too long

Volunteering grants worth a total of £25,000 are available to groups in South Oxfordshire. The money has been earmarked for community groups who have difficulties recruiting volunteers for financial reasons. Small voluntary groups in South Oxfordshire can apply for a new volunteering grant of between £250 to £750 to help cover costs.

The scheme will be run as a pilot in 2018/19 and councillors will decide whether to continue with it in the future.

The volunteering grant is the first of a range of exciting new projects underway to do that, and to help get communities working together to make life better in the district.

To find out more about the grant, eligibility and how to apply please see southoxon.gov.uk/volunteering

The new Volunteering Grant is open to small voluntary and community and social enterprise sector organisations operating in South Oxfordshire with a revenue turnover of less than £100,000 per year.

The minimum grant per organisations will be between £250 and £750. The scheme is open to applications until January 2019.

Appeal for Oxfordshire Memories and Objects from the Second World War to the 1970s from the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO) in Woodstock is planning a new 1930-1970s Oxfordshire exhibition and is now appealing to the public for help filling new displays with local stories and mementos.

SOFO Museum would be delighted to hear from anyone who could help with this appeal by donating their own objects, photos and stories. Please contact SOFO at: oxfordshirehome@sofo.org.uk. Alternatively, stories and images can be uploaded to the SOFO website directly by going to: <http://www.sofo.org.uk/storiesofconflictcounty/>

SOFO also plans to take boxes of objects out into the community for reminiscence and outreach work with objects, magazines, photographs and music to reflect a number of themes, including:

1. Childhood
2. Home Sweet Home
3. Working Week
4. School Days
5. Saturday Night Out
6. Celebrations and Jubilations
7. Keep the Home Fires Burning (WW2)
8. We're All Going on a Summer Holiday
9. Hobbies and Gardening
10. Local Oxfordshire Life - Town and Gown, Farming, Markets, Transport

They are looking to local people to help them find stories and mementos for displays and reminiscence boxes. Do you have small objects or photographs of domestic life in Oxfordshire from about 1930 to 1970? They're looking for ordinary items that are typical of each era – perhaps baby clothes, children's toys, empty tins and packets, and items from the home. Perhaps you have diaries, letters or memorabilia from family members who lived through the Home Front in the Second World War, post-war National Service or the Cold War?"

Calling all students.

The Secretary of Whitchurch United Charities would like to remind all families that the Charity 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 parish of Whitchurch.

Applications are processed twice a year, with the closing dates being 31st March and 30th September. However, late applications are considered if the available funds for the previous 6 month period have not been fully allocated.

All applications and decisions are treated in strict confidence by the Trustees.

If you would like to know more, please do contact Sarah Dixon (our Grant Application Secretary). Contact details: telephone: 0118 984 4262, address: Flint House, Hardwick Road, Whitchurch on Thames, RG8 7HH or e-mail – whitchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com

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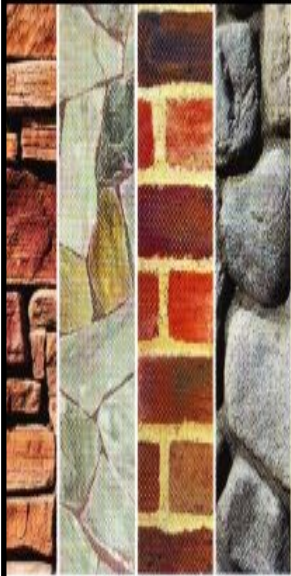
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