

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

January 2019

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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

Another year draws to a close, and nationally things are in turmoil, with the government seeming to have lost control. On the world stage, threats from other countries worry us, while global warming and plastic waste makes all other problems insignificant. We have our own worries in Goring Heath, but here we can sometimes do something about them.

In the coming year, there will be the chance for everyone to do something about plastic waste by joining in the Litter Blitz, while the parish council hopes to contribute to a reduction in global warming by reducing traffic speed in Crays Pond. We can all join in building a stronger community by taking part of any of the local events, such as jolly things in our village hall, taking on a role for the fete, going on one of the group walks in Whitchurch Hill or just coming along to the Sun for a drink, or even at the latest local venue, the Whisky Bar in the building formerly known as the White Lion.

I am pleased to welcome Fred Rutherford onto the parish council; Fred lives in Crays Pond, and is already working hard on the speeding issue there.

Peter Dragonetti
Chairman

Community Soup Lunches at Goring Heath Parish Hall

Friday January 24th and Friday February 20th 2019
12.30pm

Come along and enjoy a bowl of soup, or more (!) and a chat. Catch up with friends who you may not have seen for a while or make new acquaintances.

For catering purposes, please contact the number or email below, if you are coming to the first lunch.

No fixed price but donation of £5 or so

Contact Theresa on 0118 9842056 or bnt@waitrose.com

There'll be a Raffle too !!

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/S3929/HH Glenavon Whitchurch Hill Retention of 1.8m high boundary fence, gates and lime rendered wall and 2m high piers	Object	
P18/S2610/FUL The Studio Crays Pond Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 3 (levels) on application ref. P17/S1173). to increase the level of the proposed dwelling by 0.5 metre	Object	Permission
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	Permission
P18/S2504/FUL 15 Hocketts Close Whitchurch Hill Division of existing residence into 2 separate dwellings.	Objection	Permission
P18/S0420/OS mall Oaks Goring Heath Outline application for demolition of garage and studio and erection of single dwelling with all matters reserved (additional arboricultural information received 18th April	Initially objection but then no strong views	Permission
P18/S2551/FUL Cherry Cottage Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill Proposed erection of two detached residential dwellings, new accesses, landscaping and associated works.	Object	Refused
P18/S2713/FUL The Oratory Preparatory School Changing Facilities.	No strong views	Permission

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.

Going up with a bang

People have expressed concern to the parish council over noisy fireworks, and the same issue has been highlighted in the Henley Standard.

There are low noise fireworks available, and perhaps in due course legislation will come in to control the noisy fireworks. Presumably legislation banned the sale of jumping jack and penny bangers, once a popular choice of children.

In the meantime, if you are planning fireworks, why not include some low noise ones, or make them all low noise.

Dreaming of a green Christmas



Oxfordshire County Council are encouraging people to to put anything that can't be eaten into their food caddy for recycling. Bones, dairy products, vegetable peelings and all other cooked and uncooked food can be recycled; Used Christmas trees need to be taken to any recycling centre to be composted.

If your recycling bin is struggling to cope with all the extra bottles, cardboard, plastic and paper, put any that can't fit into the bin in a clear plastic sack or cardboard box. Place it next to your bin on collection day.

The Oakley Wood recycling centre near Wallingford closes at 3pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Otherwise they will be open as normal from 8am-5pm.

2018 Royal British legion Poppy Appeal .

First of all, I would like to thank all the door to door collectors, who brave all kinds of weather (some for many years), for such a good cause. Thanks also to all the many & varied locations who agreed to have static boxes.

This year our final total for the Goring Heath District is £1,454.22, a magnificent amount for such a small district. This amount has exceeded all of the previous 14 years of which I have been Poppy Appeal Organizer (P.A.O).

Unfortunately, this year is my last as P.A.O. for the Goring Heat District. If there is anyone out there in the Goring Heath/Whitchurch Hill area, who might like to take the job on, please contact me & I will explain what it entails.

As I am retiring from the position, I would once again like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make it such a success every year.

Caroline Brookes

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Number of Bus Services to Double !

Keen—or indeed reluctant and occasional - users of the bus service will be pleased to learn that in addition to the Saturday service the Wednesday service has also been re-introduced, and there is a timetable enclosed in this Newsletter.

In brief, from the Sun, there are services to Reading at 10.04 and 14.04, returning from Reading at 12.25 and 15.45 (Crays Pond 4 mins later) Services to Pangbourne from the Sun at 9.10, 12.47, 16.15. The morning service to Reading also passes the Almshouses.

Remember you don't need to go to a bus stop, it's a hail and ride service from anywhere along the route where its reasonably safe for the bus to stop!

Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society

January 17th at Whitchurch Village Hall

Our first meeting of the year will be a members' evening – though all are welcome to attend. We'll be looking at some of our archives, prompted in part by our interaction with the Victoria County History historian Simon Draper.

February 21st at Whitchurch Village Hall

Our Annual General meeting will be followed by an illustrated talk from Stephen Barker on the First World War armistice and beyond. A timely reminder that grim events did not stop with the silencing of the guns on the Western Front.

Both meetings are at 8pm, coffee served from 7.30pm, and cost £3 to non-members, to include coffee and biscuits. For a better bargain why not join us?

Vicky Jordan

Repair Café?

A local village has introduced a repair café scheme, staffed and run by volunteers. The idea is that knowledgeable people who are good with their hands advise and help local people with faulty or broken domestic items in occasional sessions throughout the year. So far they've been able to fix blunt tools, electrical equipment (including safety testing), advise on how to glue items, mend furniture, musical instruments and toys, repair picture frames, and help with mending and sewing queries.

The volunteers are willing to offer the benefit of their experience to us if we'd like to start a similar project locally and if you're interested in finding out more they will be at our public meeting in Goring Heath 1 parish hall in the Spring, details of which will be published in the next Newsletter.

WHITCHURCH HILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Our speaker in November was Tom Way, talking about 'Wildlife through the Lens', a lively and interesting talk much enjoyed by everyone, we hope to have an opportunity to listen to him again.

In November we also paid a visit to Toad Hall for lunch and some advance Christmas shopping, and December we also enjoyed a 'Christmas Decoration' workshop and went home having achieved a 'mantelpiece' decoration or another suitable for hanging on a door.

We do not have a business meeting in December, instead we have a special Christmas Lunch at the Highwayman, and our next meeting will be on the third Tuesday in January when we will hear from Jane Sampson about her experiences in Russia "My Experience in Zero Gravity". In February we welcome Jane Stubbs speaking about "Corsets, Crinolines and Mangles".

Later in the year we continue with a wide range of interesting speakers and also more craft and social events (on the first Tuesday of the month) in addition to our normal meetings.

Guests are welcome, please telephone 0118 984 1696 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).

For information please contact **Patricia Dent** –email : pmdent@btinternet.com or telephone 0118 984 1696

Enjoy a stroll but no-one to walk with?

Seven 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:

(Mondays 7th January, 4th February, 4th March

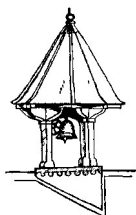
Want to know more? Ring **Sally on 07585 195669.**

A Place in the Sun

We are pleased to welcome Simon and Maidia , who have now taken over at the Sun Inn. Living just across the road in Hill Bottom, Simon and Maidia are real locals, and are set on making the Sun a traditional local pub, offering great beers from the West Berkshire Brewery, Good Old Boy and Mr Chubb as well as a fine lager from the same brewery, Saazsbrucker Pilsner, and also another classic ale, Hoppit form the Loddon Brewery. A selection of fine wines is also available. On the food side, the Sunday roast lunch, served with roast potatoes, home-made yorkshire pudding and fresh vegetables is already popular, with roast chicken and roast loin of pork costing £14.95 and roast beef at £16.95. Good home cooked meals and bar food are available for lunch time and evenings. From February onwards, Tuesdays is going to be curry night!

Opening times are Tuesday evening through to Sunday evening, so closed on Monday and Tuesday lunch time.





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The Quiz Night
Goring Heath Parish Hall
Saturday 9th February 2019
8pm

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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!

Mobile Post Office in Woodcote

The mobile Post Office visits weekly on Mondays and Thursdays 1.15pm to 3.15pm and Fridays 11.00 to 12 noon, located in Whitehouse Road opposite the old post office store.



The top banner features a collage of paving materials on the left: red bricks, grey stone, and a mix of red and grey bricks. To the right is the KC Improvements logo, which consists of three 3D rectangular blocks arranged in a triangular pattern. Below the logo, the text 'KC IMPROVEMENTS' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath this, 'PAVING & DRIVEWAY SPECIALISTS' is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the banner, the services 'PAVING / DRIVEWAYS / FENCING / DRAINAGE' are listed in a bold, sans-serif font.

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10.00 - Sung Eucharist

All other Sundays:

9 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Sung Matins

*All these services are traditional Book of Common Prayer and
are open to the public*
The Chapel, Alnutt Alms Houses, Goring Heath, RG8 7RS

Don't forget you can hire cutlery, glasses, plates, catering teapots, good folding chairs and tables from Goring Heath Village Hall at competitive prices and nice and local.

Contact Jane Diggle
ginnydiggle@hotmail.com

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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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To contributors to the Newsletter:-

It would be most helpful if copy could be submitted to the editor as a document attachment to email and sent to goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com

The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Parish Council.

Deadline for contributions	Publication month
7th February 2019	March 2019
11th April 2019	May 2019

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