

GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

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Forthcoming Events

GPHH = 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)
 PVH = Pangbourne Village Hall

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

November 2019

2	Art Café—Friends of SS Mary and John	ORS
2	Sun Pub Bonfire Night, from 5.30	Sun Pub
4	Village Stroll, 10 am, outside the Sun Pub	
9	OWLlibrary Coffee morning,	WL CC
9-10	Pangbourne Art Exhibition, 10 am	PVH
10	Remembrance Sunday War Memorial	10.45
16-17	Whitchurch Art & Craft Exhibition	WVH
19	Goring Heath WI. From 10	GPHH
21	Whit. And GH History Society, 7.30	GPHH

December 2019

2	Village Stroll 10am, outside the Sun	
11	Langtree Senior Citizens Christmas Party, 1.45	Langtree
15	Children's Christmas Creations Party 10—1	GPHH

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

It has been an encouraging month in our community. From the perspective of your Parish Council, we have made progress in two key areas – closer engagement between the Parish Council and our parishioners to ensure we better represent your views and a number of actions we have authorised to help maintain and improve the community

As regards engagement, it has been reassuring to see a steady flow of emails and letters from you. Also, we have now included at the beginning of each Parish Council meeting a 15-minute open forum, where you are all welcome to come along and share your concerns and views. Over the last three meetings we have had the pleasure of meeting several of you and covered a diverse range of topics such as the placing of promotional posters, traffic speed, inappropriate use of natural woodland and protection of bridleways. Do feel free to come along and say hello.

In terms of activities, firstly a big thank you to Amanda and Bill for the excellent refurbishment of the telephone box at Crays Pond. They did a super job and based on feedback from you, we will continue to use this as a community library. Then over the coming months you will see a number of other things happening, including addressing the excessive tree growth at Crays Pond as well as maintenance of the pond itself, and the resurfacing the car park at the Parish Hall. We have also approved a new specification for grass cutting for the community from next April and this is now going out to tender. There is of course still much to do including pressurising the County Council to get on with speed reduction at Crays Pond, other traffic management requirements at the Long Toll junction and in Whitchurch Hill, and the future of the White Lion pub. We will keep you posted.

Chris Jessop
Chairman

Parish Council Vacancy

We are looking for another person to join the Parish Council. If you are possibly interested, please contact the Clerk, Amanda Holland, to find out more.

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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	SODC
P19/S1917/HH Hunters Moon, Hill Bottom. Construction Of a detached open sided carport.	Objection	Denied
P19/S2068/HH Brindles, Bridle Road, Whitchurch Hill. Proposed single storey rear extension, flat roof box dormer and detached carport.	Object	
Charity Farm Cottage Track running past Charity Farm , Goring Heath. Single storey extension.	No Objection	Granted
P19/S2489/AG Land Opposite Spring Cottage, Cold Harbour Goring-Heath RG8 7SY Erection of a stable building comprising of two stables and a hay barn adjacent to the existing stable block. Existing hardstanding to be extended to the front of new stable building.	No objection	
P19/S2402/HH Bottom Farmhouse Blackbirds Bottom Goring Heath RG8 7SX The addition of a greenhouse, summerhouse (artist studio) and shed within the curtilage of the main building		
P19/S3047/LB Flint House Reading Road near Goring RG8 0LL Refurbishment of the existing hydrotherapy and exercise Pools and associated areas.		
P19/S3047/LB Flint House Reading Road near Goring RG8 0LL Refurbishment of the existing hydrotherapy and exercise Pools and associated areas.		
P19/S2819/HH Old Well Cottage Goring Heath Road Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PQ Variation of condition 2 (alteration to roof level of side extension and construct a parapet wall between the main roof and the side extension) on application ref. P17/S4457/HH The demolition of a conservatory and construction of a two storey side elevation		
P19/S2988/HH 1 Garton End Crays Pond RG8 7QH Proposed single storey and two storey rear extensions		

<p><u>P19/S2882/HH</u> The Pothole Eastfield Lane Goring Heath RG8 7ST Two storey extension to existing property. This proposal replaces a previous planning permission granted on 16th August 2016 for a larger two storey extension P16/S1854/HH.</p>		
<p><u>P19/S2958/HH</u> Keepers Cottage Whitchurch Hill RG8 7NZ Variation of Condition 2 on application P18/S2055/HH - link roof to existing cottage to be raised by 450mm as drawing 18.02.06A. (Two storey rear extension with internal alterations.)</p>		
<p><u>P19/S2853/HH</u>Bottom Farmhouse Blackbirds Bottom Goring Heath RG8 7SX Completion of previously approved planning application on existing garage, this includes completion of a terrace and link to ground level to allow the use of the loft space. Modification to ground floor facilities to include a small kitchenette, a low level exterior wall on the west side next to the entrance will be moved to allow for accessibility, and the inclusion of an accessible area for fresh water storage and treatment. Water storage area to be located below ground level below the terrace .</p>		

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.

Remembrance Day

The Annual Armistice Day Service will be held at the War Memorial at 10.45 am on Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2019.

Life as a councillor

I have found it really interesting being a District Councillor, meeting lots of new people, and hearing different perspectives.

Last night, October 10, I was at the long awaited full Council meeting, where there was a proposal to withdraw the existing local plan and do a new one, based on the electoral promises made before the May elections, which had resulted in a change of control. As at the full Council meeting in July, the room was packed with people who had turned out to see the District Council in action, and I now make a point of talking to as many of the watchers on the side as I can. It's pretty easy to see what position someone supports, so while giving a cheery welcome to the tweed clad or banner waving supporters of the new council, I aim for the suits. Almost unfailingly, these are property consultants, from all the big names, and they are happy to reveal which companies they represent, and the sites that they are itching to develop; Carter Jonas, West Waddy, Barton Willmore and many others crowd the room. They tell me about their plans, such as the Culham new town which, one of them tells me, has the great advantage over rival sites by having a railway station. I forbear to tell the sharp suited young man that the one train an hour Culham station could hardly handle a fraction of the new population of 6,000 he envisages for his new town. So far, I have not met any ordinary people who have turned out at these meetings and who want the houses that the developers are proposing. Although I live in hope of meeting someone who is desperate to buy a new build executive house with four beds and two bathrooms, I never do; perhaps they are actually all quite happy tucked up in their current homes in London.

Away from the heat and passion of the full council, where horns lock along party lines, we councillors also have to adjudicate on taxi licensing, and here, where just three councillors form a panel, things are very harmonious. The responsibility of the panel is to adjudicate as to whether, in the language of the rather arcane legislation, applicants are "fit and proper" to be taxi drivers. Points on the licence, complaints from the public, court appearances and notification from other local authorities can all count in the making of the assessment of fit and proper. We hear details of people's lives and circumstances, and the background to incidents, and, like a jury, we have to sift the evidence and make a judgement that can ensure that the public will be safe to use a taxi driven by the applicant. In the making these judgement, we often reveal our own basic views and opinions, and realise that whatever our political beliefs, we share a common humanity.

Peter Dragonetti
District Councillor



Resident of Crays Pond, John Rodger painting the newly repurposed phone box 'library' after our own Parish Clerk, Amanda Holland, wire-brushed it and rubbed it down. Thank you both!



Goring Heath and Whitchurch Autumn Show.. 7th Sept

A fine day dawned for our show with only a hint of some drizzle. The colourful displays of flowers made up for the shortage of vegetable and fruit entries. There was also a good turn out of coffee cakes and shortbread biscuits. The photography and handicraft classes were well supported. It was pleasing to see so many children taking part, some in the adult art class.

My thanks go to the hard working committee members: Liz Gibson, Judith Johns and Sally Trinder. Also to computer wiz Sarah Jane Hanfrey for all the paperwork used in the show and to her husband Tim, who helped Sarah with the teas. Many thanks to willing helpers, Theresa Elsome, Denyse Williams, Tricia Bland and Dave Sexon. It was certainly a case of many hands make light work particularly with the tables! Finally a big thank you to the judges who willingly give of their time and expertise.

The trophy winners were:-

The Allotment Cup- Tricia Bland

The Betty Haytor Memorial Cup for most points in the flowers section:- Dave Sexon

Liz Gibson won both the Art Trophy and the combined Arts and Craft Trophy

Sue Sexon won both the Floral arrangement and Handicraft trophies.

The Baking and Preserves cup:- Sarah Dragonetti

The Photography cup:- David Pearson

The Douglas Allardyce Memorial Rose Bowl for the most outstanding exhibit in the vegetable, fruit and flowers Section:- Tricia Bland for her stunning tomatoes.

The winner of the Children's cup:- Beth Strange. Eve and Woody Taylor shared second place and Tilly Westcar was third.

Special mention :- Jo and Beth Westcar and Amelie Way who all entered work in the adult art class.

The Whitchurch Hill trophy for most points overall:- Dave Sexon

Sue Sexton



John Coupland's impressive marrow



Don't be scared—it's only a vegetable monster!



Some delicious home made produce

Liz Gibson won first prize for her card.

Sue Sexon holding her winning floral arrangement.





Prize winners Jo, Beth and Tilly holding their winning entries.

Goring Heath Spring Show - Saturday March 28th 2020

Several people have asked if we could publish these choices in advance so they can have more time to prepare their entries, so here they are. No excuses!!

Art (painting, drawing)

Vase of spring flowers

Lambs/ sheep

An Easter bonnet

Crafts

A decorated picture frame

An item of knitting

Patchwork or quilting (please state size)

Photography

Scenes from a bridge

A celebration

A water activity

We look forward to seeing lots more entries in the above categories!!!

Help needed checking Hartslock sheep

Would you be keen to have a weekly walk on a beautiful nature reserve to help us check our sheep?



For those of you who are not familiar with it, Hartslock Nature Reserve is a beautiful south facing slope of chalk grassland, located approximately a mile west of Whitchurch Hill along the bridleway to Gatehampton and Goring. Rich in wildflowers and butterflies, Hartslock is managed by The Berks, Bucks, and Oxon Wildlife Trust and known for its rare orchids and stunning views over the River Thames.

Mainly carried out by teams of volunteers and our lovely flock of sheep, we do a lot of work at Hartslock to keep the habitats in tip top condition. Tasks including clearing areas of encroaching scrub and brambles, maintaining pathways, gates and fences, and managing the vegetation. The sheep are a very important part of our team, grazing the grassland and encroaching scrub. Chalk grassland characteristically has shallow soils, lime rich, nutrient poor, with short vegetation. The flora and fauna at Hartslock thrive due to this and the carefully timed grazing and management.

We currently have a very friendly flock of Hebridean sheep at Hartslock, but we also use Shetland and Beulah sheep. These are hardy traditional breeds, all used to being out in all conditions, and grazing steep slopes.

The livestock are checked on a daily basis by a rota of kind volunteers, and at least once a week by BBOWT staff. Our stockwatchers are invaluable, without them we would be unable to carry out the essential grazing management on our nature reserves. A stockwatcher's main aim is to make sure the animals are all there, looking well, and are secure within the reserve with sufficient water. Stockwatchers generally commit to one day a week as part of a rota. Checks need to be carried out in daylight with at least 2 hours daylight remaining in order for us to respond to a livestock emergency.

We are currently looking for extra help, so if this appeals to you, please get in touch so we can discuss more details. No previous experience needed, and we will go through a full induction on site.

Elene Walton
Assistant Reserves Officer, Oxon
elenewalton@bbowt.org.uk or 01865 775476.

Waste and Recycling

Oxfordshire residents are among the very best in the country at recycling. Over 57 per cent of all waste is reused, composted or recycled, compared to the national rate of 45 per cent. 70 per cent of all waste is treated, processed or disposed of within Oxfordshire.

Food waste is taken to plants near Bicester, Cassington or Wallingford. The plants turn the food waste into high quality compost and soil conditioner for local farms, and capture the methane given off by the food to generate electricity for the National Grid – enough for around 9,000 homes!

Waste that can't be recycled is taken to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility near Bicester where it is burnt to produce electricity. Enough to power about 53,000 homes.

It is illegal to send any electrical items to landfill because they contain hazardous materials. Electrical items are also not permitted at Ardley Energy Recovery Facility. They are sent to a reprocessor where everything within an appliance is converted back to its component parts, such as plastic and metal, for recycling.

All colours of glass bottles and jars are collected together and then separated using hi tech optical sorting equipment that can sort 10 tonnes every hour. Glass bottles and jars are broken into small pieces and washed to have any paper or metal tops removed, and then melted in a furnace and used to make new glass products or road surfaces. Glass can be recycled an unlimited number of times without the quality being reduced.

Metal is melted in a furnace and used to make new metal products such as cans, or even aeroplane parts. By recycling metal we can save energy and natural resources. Recycling metal uses only 5% of the energy making new products would use. Aluminium is recycled into a new can less than 6 weeks later.

To recycle card, water is added to make a pulp and ink is removed. It can then be used to make corrugated card and boxes for the packaging industry.

Paper is recycled in a similar way to card, and is then used to make newspaper and other paper products. Paper can be recycled into a newspaper within seven days.

Plastic is washed and sorted into different types of plastic in the UK, and then sold to plastic manufacturers internationally to be made into both new plastic products and even things like fleece jackets! Recycling one plastic bottle saves enough energy to run a 60 watt lightbulb for six hours.



The students and staff of Langtree School
would like to invite you to our annual
Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

There is no need to have a connection to
Langtree School. Everyone is Welcome

Christmas Party

Wednesday 11th December 2019

From 1.45pm to 4.00pm

(please note the change of start time)

At Langtree School

Transport from Woodcote Village can be arranged

**Musical entertainment
from Langtree Students.**

Afternoon Tea. Raffle. Carols.

If you would like to join us please contact the
school office or Mary Taylor-Lane
mtaylorlane@langtreeschool.com 01491 680514
Langtree School Reading Road. Woodcote RG8 0RA



WHITCHURCH ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

The weekend of 16 - 17th November
2019

Whitchurch-on-Thames Village Hall,
Manor Road

Don't forget to put this VIP date in your diaries! It will come around sooner than you think so now is the time to start planning your imaginative creations, ready for this year's show. If you have never entered before, why not make 2019 your first time and I guarantee you will get hooked!

We welcome all types of art, craft and photography on any subject – it is an enjoyable, friendly event and everyone in Whitchurch and Goring Heath parishes is eligible to enter. Also, children who attend the Whitchurch Pre-School Group, Whitchurch Primary School or The Oratory Preparatory School are all eligible to enter, regardless of where they live.

The theme this year for the Joyce Voysey class is '**Masks**'. This separate class is open to all age groups and the entries can be in any media – art, photos, sculpture, crochet, video – whatever inspires you! Also, we would love to have more entries in our new video section for the Brazil Award which was introduced in 2018.

The details of how and when to enter in all the categories will be posted on the village website. Meanwhile, start working on your entries and help make this year's event the best ever!

If you would like to get involved with the planning and setting up of the exhibition, please do get in touch – all offers of help are gratefully received.

Sally Woolhouse
Chair of the organising committee

Pangbourne Art Exhibition Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November

Pangbourne Art Group would like you to join them at their Annual Art Exhibition at Pangbourne Village Hall on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November 2019. From 10am - 5pm both days.

Free Admission and plenty of parking nearby. There will be a great variety of affordable art, prints and cards. Demonstrations by some of the artists will be ongoing throughout the day. Tea, coffee and cakes are available also. Please come along and meet us and we would also welcome new members to join us. www.pangbourneartgroup.com

Goring Heath Parish Hall

Have ever wondered what sort of activities take place behind the blue doors of the parish Hall in Whitchurch Hill? We have a varied array of all things to tempt you—from pilates on Mondays and Fridays, WI on Tuesdays, Tots on the Hill on Wednesdays, Senior Circuits on Thursdays and Taichi on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. It's also in use for groups such as the History Society on Thursday evenings, Scottish Dancing on Monday evenings, the Smiling Dog Company on Sunday mornings and SOAG on Thursday evenings.

If you would like to book the hall for an event , meeting or class please contact the Hall Manager, Jane Diggle - email ginnydiggle@hotmail.com





What's On:

Meet Father Christmas! (with a gift for every child)

Create a 2020 wall calendar

Design a beautiful bauble for your tree

Craft a paper plate angel

Make a fun pop up Christmas card

Christmas dress up photo booth

**Santa's Grotto
Children's Buffet
Party Games!**

When and Where:

Sunday 15th December, 10am-1pm @ Goring Heath Parish Hall
(On the B471 opposite St Johns Church, RG8 7NY)

How much does it cost?

Only £5 per child

Siblings £3 (siblings under 1 go free)

How do I Book? (payment required to secure place)

Simply email Esther on estherllay@yahoo.co.uk with the subject Christmas Creations Party.

Spaces are limited, so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society

Our Autumn lecture season continues on Thursday 17th October with historian Dr Simon Draper giving the results of his extensive research into the history of the Parish of Whitchurch, which will form a chapter in the forthcoming Victoria County History volume xx.

The last meeting of this year will be on Thursday 21st November when we welcome back Mike Hurst to remind us about old time Christmases – an evening of nostalgia for many. We re-group on January 16th when Peter Hawley will give a talk on two women poets of the first world war

Meetings are held at Goring Heath parish Hall at Whitchurch Hill, on the B471, and start at 8pm, with coffee served from 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome to join us for £3, to include coffee and biscuits. **Vicky Jordan**

Our Woodcote Library (OWL)

The dedicated band of volunteers is continuing its work, supporting the staff in the library. They in turn need support in the shape of tea and biscuits and we pay a sum to the library for this, and other projects (the coffee area chairs are an example). We will be running the community centre coffee shop on Saturday 9th November and hope for your support then. We promise delicious cakes! **Vicky Jordan**



Some 'OWL's wished Laura all the best in the future on her last day at Woodcote Library, 12th October. She will be running the café next door in the Community Centre on several days during the week.



The speakers at our recent meetings have given us a varied selection of subjects and we are looking forward to our replacement speaker in October when Debi Jones will tell us what inspired her to write books for children. Looking further – we shall have Jeff Rozelaar talking about “Homeward Bound” – a selection of anecdotes surrounding railway stations in the UK. You will be surprised at how interesting they are!

We do not have a business meeting in December, but we shall greet the New Year with “An Auctioneers Lot” by Simon Jones on the third Tuesday in January, and in February Catherine Sampson will make a return visit to us offering us local historical facts “Living Through the English Civil War”. On most months we also have a “First Tuesday” event – this varies from demonstrations -i.e. walk and pub lunch, visits to Garden Centre (also with lunch), a craft workshop, or sometimes a special trip. Later in the year we continue with a wide range of interesting speakers and also more social events.

Whitchurch Hill W.I. members take part in a number of other events – look out for the regular monthly walks organised by Sally Bergman, our once or twice per annum Coffee and Cake morning at the Art Café for charity—the next one will be on March 14th, and there are several outings organised by Berkshire Federation throughout the year.

Visitors are welcome, please telephone 0118 984 2162 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

RG8 Badminton Club

We welcome new members. 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!

The value of professional tree care and arboriculture

We are all aware of the well documented damage and deforestation of the Amazon rainforest, the so called ‘lungs of the earth’. As we all know, the process of photosynthesis is vital for the production of Oxygen and therefore important for us as humans.

Although this may appear to be of small significance, the correct advice, pruning and care of our own trees is necessary. Too often, unnecessary work is recommended or work is completed to a poor standard.

One of the most common failures is poor pruning work, also known as stub cutting, which will result in far more long-term damage including dead wood, decay and entry points for other pathogens. Poor practice is when branches are removed and not cut to a suitable growth point which should be based on the size of the wound created and species. Therefore, when considering your own tree pruning work, be sure not to base your decision only on recommendations and value for money but the professional qualifications and quality of the work. A simple way to assess this for yourself is to check that any branch that is pruned or reduced is cut back to another side branch (twig) and not just to any point on the main branch to ‘make it look nice’. Pruning in this way ensures that the tree naturally heals, which does not occur when a branch is cut at a random point.

A widely held misconception is that a tree surgeon and an arborist are the same role, when in fact, although a tree surgeon may be able to cut the tree, an arborist will have far greater knowledge and understanding of a tree’s ‘mechanics’.

Mike Harvey

Salvation Army Clothes Bank—Whitchurch Hill

A new Salvation Army clothes bank for recycling unwanted clothes was installed in August and is now operational in the car park of Goring Heath Parish Hall .

Its success has been noted and the Parish Council has been thanked for our villages’ contributions.

THE SUN INN
WHITCHURCH HILL
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BONFIRE NIGHT

Nov 02, 2019

Gates open : 5:30pm

Adult - £5.00

Kids under 12 - £2.50

KIDS “ GUY FAWKES” COMPETITION
(Prize for the best one)

BBQ AVAILABLE HERE!

It's Snow Time!

In the event of heavy snowfall, local roads are not cleared by the County, but we do now have salt bins in strategic places where there have been problems in the past. We also have some bags of salt that are available for anyone who wants to be public spirited and is willing to apply it to the road outside their house. We can drop one or two bags off in advance which can be tucked away in anticipation. Each bag will cover about 50 yards of road as not much is needed to be effective.

Please email us at Goring.Heath.Parish.Council@gmail.com if you want to join in with this. Please note that this is not free salt for your own driveway or property, it must only be used on the road or pavement, as should the salt in the salt bins.

The Whitchurch United Charities Fund (for educational needs)

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. We did not receive any applications during the last six months and we are keen for appropriate applications to be made during the next six months.

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 – whitchchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com

Katherine Higley.
0303 444 1793
07458091019

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S & STJOHN'S, WHITCHURCH
(an independent charity)**

The Friends first 'big project' has now been completed. The restoration of the St Mary's Church clock was finished at the beginning of October at a cost of £11,500. The work was carried out by Peter Meecham and team from Chipping Norton over a 6 week period. One surprise was that the minute hand on the south facing clock face was missing and a new one had to be constructed. Virtually no one had noticed this (including me) over a period of at least 10 years !

Following a well-attended Friends AGM on the 5th October, there was an event at St Mary's Church to celebrate the clock being back in action after nearly 20 years. We were well entertained by the Thames Vale Singers followed by a piano medley from Tim Valentine. Drinks and snacks also contributed to an enjoyable afternoon.

The work involving the improvement of St John's Churchyard is nearing completion following a second workday for volunteers in October. This enabled the professional cleaning and painting of the railings along the main road to continue. This particular project should be finished by November.

The Friends trustees will be considering further projects, together with the Parochial Church Council over the next few months.

The Friends '[Music Evening 2019](#)' with music from the Maidenhead [Concert Band](#) was booked for the 19th October – just after these notes were written.

As always, the Friends will be running the ArtCafe at the Old Stables on the first Saturday every other month (2nd November, 4th January, 7th March). Thanks again to our 'willing' volunteers !

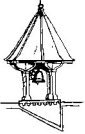
Keith Williams

Chairman,

The Friends of St Mary's & St John's, Whitchurch.

0118 984 1139

keithc.williams@btinternet.com



Goring Heath Parish Charity
Regd. No 1056772

**The Quiz Night
Goring Heath Parish Hall
Saturday 8th February 2020
8pm**

Don't miss out on the now famous

Mike Holland Quiz Night!

Cost £12 includes Fish and Chip Supper

So, book your table now (for 6).

Phone Theresa on 0118 984 2056
or email

bnt@waitrose.com

Enjoy a stroll but no-one to walk with?

Our friendly monthly Parish based walks restart on second Monday in October , then return to the normal first Monday from November.

**The next dates are :
Monday 4 November
Monday 2 December**

**We meet outside the Sun Pub at 10am - finishing back in the village
around 11.30.**

Want to know more? Ring Sally on 07585 195669



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As an independent agent, we are able to choose from a huge range of suppliers and specialist operators, which enables us to provide the very best choices, prices and holidays; tailored or chosen specifically to suit each individual, couple or family.

We are also members of ABTA and the Travel Network Group.

5 High Street, Pangbourne, Berkshire RG8 7AE

0118 984 4166

www.triangletravel.co.uk



The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club

Organiser: Christine Martin

**“Sonia”, Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill, RG8 7PG
Tel: 0118 9844252 e.mail whitchurchthetreclub@gmail.com**

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- cat food pouches, crisp packets,
- sweet and confectionary wrappers, t
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