

GORING HEATH NEWSLETTER

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

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Goring Heath NEWS

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)

Bowls Club Open roll-ups every Monday at 2 pm Almshouses

July 2018

17 WHWI "Life and Times of canal people" 10.15, GPHH

August 2018

7 WHWI—Barbecue for members and families

21 WHWI—Business and Members talks, 10.15, GPHH

September 2018

4 WHWI—Lunch—Venue to be arranged

18 WHWI—Business and speaker, 10.15, GPHH

20 Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society GPHH

October 2018

2 WHWI—Sugarcraft Workshop

16 WHWI—Business and "Land of the Thunder Dragon" 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

We live in a world where people are both becoming more connected yet more distant. Physical distance is no longer the barrier it was, as the ability to travel further at lower cost means that we are going all over the place more frequently at greater speed. While this can be good for us as individuals, there are consequences for everyone else in terms of traffic, noise and pollution. In the UK, travel to work distances have steadily increased, and perhaps anecdotally we are aware of such changes from our own behaviour compared to that of our parents.

An interesting piece of research has revealed that by contrast, travel to work time has remained constant, and what is true today is the same as it was 50, 100 or 1000 years ago, in that travel to work time is always around an hour; this is true all over the world. So though travel to work distance increases, travel to work time is the same.

What's the relevance of this to Goring Heath you may ask; well, one of the most frequent issues that parish council faces is the volume and speed of traffic, and of course this is largely outside our control. The traffic we face today is the result of easier and cheaper travel, and developments in the wrong places. As we now have the prospect of the East West Expressway making journeys faster, and more housing developments across South Oxfordshire, we can expect more traffic, more congestion and more environmental damage, plus of course more carbon emissions. Any improvements to roads simply create more traffic, for there are then more options for journeys, and time saved is just spent travelling further.

.Peter Dragonetti

Chairman

Speeding

The parish council recently arranged for traffic speed surveys to be done in Crays Pond and on Goring Heath Road, Whitchurch Hill. The survey revealed that most traffic in Crays Pond obeys the speed limit of 40 mph, and many vehicles travel between 30 and 40. On the Goring Heath Road, where the limit is 30mph, the limit is often exceeded, particularly west bound where over 50% of vehicles break the limit. The parish council will now press for enforcement on this road.

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.
P18/S0507/LB Goring Heath Almshouses. Replacing hard surface to central courtyard. (Retrospective)	Objection	
P18/S1395/FUL Flint House Demolishing of existing L-shaped single storey extension and construction and new single storey extension.	No strong views	Approved
P18/S1146/PDH 9 Hill Bottom Close.	With-drawn	
P18/S1521/HH Bottom Farmhouse, Black-birds Bottom, Goring Heath. A two storey extension and associated alterations, detached outbuilding and stabling.	No strong Views	

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.

What would you use the old Crays Pond telephone box for?

Goring Heath Parish Council have 'adopted' the redundant, decommissioned red telephone kiosk in Crays Pond and are interested in hearing about any creative ideas residents might have for turning the box into something that would benefit the local community.

Other boxes have been turned into mini libraries, cake shops, housing for defibrillators, information centres and some even more unusual uses.

If you can think of an alternative use for the box and would like to suggest an idea, please contact the Council at

goring.heath.parish.council@googlemail.com

Goring Heath Village Hall Hall Manager

Interested in an opportunity to become more involved in your local community and meeting people?

We are looking for a Hall Manager to oversee the smooth running of our picturesque and well-appointed hall: to manage the experience of the hirer from enquiry to function.

This includes handling initial enquiries, meeting potential customers, discussing their requirements, showing the hall, offering advice and the administration of bookings.

A key aspect is conveying feedback from the customers to the committee at quarterly meetings so that issues can be resolved and recommend improvements to ensure the continued success of the hall.

If you are interested or would like to know more please contact Chris Whatmore (Chairman) on tel: 0118 9844022 or email whatmore@talk21.com.



The Egg-tossing event

Photo courtesy of Jim Donahue



The Goring Growlers Dog Agility Team **6**

Photo courtesy of Nick Brazil

Scenes from Whitchurch Hill Fete - 26th May



Spot the eggs!

Photo courtesy of Jim Donahue



Going through its paces on the agility course

Photo courtesy of Nick Brazil



Frances Strange, local WI Branch President and other members serving up delicious home-made cakes and tea in the Women's Institute Tea Tent at the Fete.
Photo courtesy of Nick Brazil



Sally and Peter Woolhouse provided the Old Time Juke Box, spinning 78 rpm favourites by George Formby and other pre war stars.



Criminals setting up fake Wi-Fi hot spots - Citizens Advice warning

It ought to be a time of relaxation, that moment when you slump down into a cosy chair in a coffee bar, get out your cell phone and connect to the free Wi-Fi. But Citizens Advice has warned that this simple action can be targeted by criminals, who are setting up their own Wi-Fi hot spots to try to get you to connect to them.

Typically, the fraudsters broadcast a Wi-Fi connection with a vague name like "free_wifi" or "coffee_shop_wifi". If you connect your phone to this, any data you are sending can be captured.

Even if you log into emails using an "app", without typing in the password, the phone will still send your password over the Wi-Fi and it could be intercepted. If you use automated passwords and do not enter your user name and password manually, these details can still be intercepted.

To avoid being becoming a victim of this scam, do one of the following:

- Make sure you are connecting to a trusted Wi-Fi hot spot, operated by the venue you are in - ask staff if you are in doubt.
- Do not use public Wi-Fi for online banking or anything else sensitive, but use your 3G, 4G or 5G connection instead (data sent over these connections is always encrypted).
- Use a VPN (virtual private network) when connecting to public Wi-Fi.

The updated Little Book of Big Scams at <https://www.met.police.uk/globalassets/downloads/fraud/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf> has more details about this and other prevalent frauds.

And if you suspect that you've been scammed, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or on the Internet at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Alternatively, get in touch with Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444

Images from the Stoke Row Steam Fair in Whitchurch Hill—Weekend of June 9th/10th



The Village Fete

A lovely sunny day saw a good attendance at The Fete, and feedback suggests it was an enjoyable afternoon. Our thanks goes to all who took part – visitors, stall holders, Parish Council, and everyone who helped with the running.

And thanks also to all who donated to the Bottle Stall – we had a very generous response to our appeal for ‘A Bottle or Two’ and this was an enormous help in generating record receipts for the Fete. The BBQ, the Bar, WI Tea Tent, and Plant Stall were consistently busy, as indeed were all stalls and attractions. The Cake Stall sold out completely and our thanks to the organisers and the ladies who generously baked for the stall – a glance at what was on offer suggested there’s a good chance the next ‘Bake Off’ winner will come from this area!

The Women’s Institute Tea Tent was very popular as always, and visitors enjoyed their tea and cakes, served on the WI China. The ladies were constantly busy, and their matching WI aprons and the lime green cloths on the small tables gave a very attractive look to the Tea Tent, one of the staples of the Fete

The Raffle was a great success – our thanks to all who bought tickets, and to the Raffle Team who worked so hard. We had a wonderful array of prizes on offer again this year, and we are very grateful to the local businesses who kindly donated these – they are listed later on a page dedicated to them, and they deserve our support in return. We would also like to thank villagers who generously donated prizes for the Raffle. It’s perhaps worth noting here that we occasionally use bottles donated to the Bottle Stall as Raffle Prizes, and this year we did so with some excellent Scotch Whisky and a wonderful Bollinger Prize.

The Ferret Racing returned after an absence of some years, and was again well supported. And dogs weren’t forgotten, with an entertaining Dog Agility Show from the Goring Growlers. We also made some changes to the Fairground Attraction, introducing an Inflatable Slide instead of the Swingboats. This proved extremely popular till it unfortunately developed a slight malfunction, and with safety in mind, the operators had to take it down.

Several people asked ‘Why didn’t you have the Climbing Wall this year?’ We book this popular attraction every year BUT unfortunately we can’t guarantee it will be there on the day as the Scout Troop who operate it sometimes have to change plan and attend coinciding Scouting activities. We always try to have it there, so hopefully next year – provided the Scouts are available.

Our Fete is a relatively small village event, and its main aim is bringing the village together for an enjoyable day out. Seeing people talking in groups, laughing and smiling, and enthusiastically taking part in the activities prompts us to again observe that Fete Day is perhaps more about the community than an overt effort to raise money. But we do usually manage to raise some – and this year was no exception. We have already made donations to some local causes, and if you would like to suggest a good cause please contact us on the mail address shown below and we will happily consider the request.

We hope you enjoyed the day, met old friends, made new friends, and we look forward to another wonderful day in 2019.

Thank you all for your support.

The Organising Team
whitchurchhillfete@gmail.com

Lost & Found at The Village Fete

A selection of books in a hessian carrier bag was handed in at the close of the Fete. Authors include Robert Goddard, John Grisham, and Frederick Forsyth. Also in the collection is the biography of a famous football manager – his name can be the ‘verification code’ for anyone who claims these!

If they are yours simply email whitchurchhillfete@gmail.com and we will re-unite you with your books – and your carrier bag.



Each summer we plan an outing for our members, and this June our trip was to Mottisfont (National Trust) to look at an historic house – full of interest – and particularly to see the gardens. We were lucky to choose a day which, although slightly overcast, did not rain and treated us to a magnificent display of roses and other flowering plants. This was but one of our ‘social’ events which take place on an almost monthly basis throughout the year, separate from our regular business meetings with speakers which take place on the third Tuesday of most months.

Looking ahead we shall have a Strawberry Tea for charity in July, and following our normal business meeting on the 17th, Catherine Crabb will tell us about “The Life and Times of Canal People”. August will see our annual barbecue for members and their families, and our meeting later in the month will welcome short talks from members about their individual special interests.

Later in the year we continue with a wide range of interesting speakers and in October and December we shall have workshops on “Sugarcraft” and “Christmas Flower Arranging” 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

Having a Party ?

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- **The Sun, Hill Bottom**
- **Tolhurst Organic, Hardwick Estate**

Let's support them just as they supported us!

Enjoy a stroll, but have no-one to walk with?

Why not join a small group of like-minded people for a morning walk in and around Whitchurch Hill?

The next two walks are on Monday 13 August and Monday 3 September at 10.30. Meet up outside the Sun Pub.

Want to know more? Ring Sally on 07585195669

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 – whitchchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com

Goring Heath Bowls Club (Almshouses)

Our season is now in full swing, with the regular 2pm Monday and 6pm Friday roll-ups running. Mondays are also when we invite anyone interested to come along and have a go. We will lend you some bowls to try. Our alliance with Goring Bowling Club is going well, with some Goring members participating in our singles knockout competition. And two of us carried off one of Goring's trophies in early May.

Our first match, against Goring, was cancelled because of the weather and our third match, against Pangbourne was rained off after just a few ends. We knew it was time to stop when the bowls left a visible wake on the green. Our five other matches so far have yielded only one win, but on the other hand we've had a lot of fun, and the matches are an opportunity to meet interesting people from other clubs. They are followed by a convivial meal together with amusing (sometimes even intentionally so) remarks from the team captains.

July will be a busy month, with six matches against other clubs plus the bowls tour, when a number of our members will go down to Worthing for the weekend for a bit of riotous living and a couple of matches against local clubs - assuming riotous living is possible in Worthing. August will be quieter, with four matches and our own in-house doubles tournament.

There's more on our website at goringheathbowls.weebly.com, or phone secretary David Watson on 0118 984 2174, or email us at goringheathbowls@gmail.com. Or just show up to our 2pm Monday roll-up.



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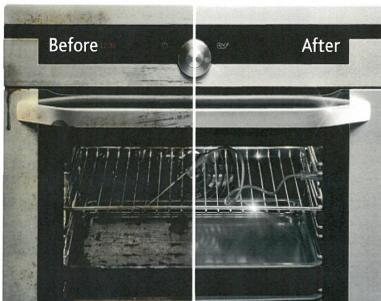
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Senior Strength Training Circuit

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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.

Almshouses Sunday Services July to Sept

11.00 am Sung Holy Communion: **July 1st, August 5th, Sept 2nd**

All other Sundays:

9 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Sung Matins

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

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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: goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com

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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.

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- ◆ **Elections** - 01235 422407
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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.

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9th August 2018	September 2018
11th October 2018	November 2018
13th December 2018	January 2019

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