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WHITCHURCH HILL
VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 27TH MAY

2pm

Whitchurch Hill Recreation Ground

RG8 7NX

Gift and food stalls

Amusements

Children's races

Brass band

Tea tent and mobile pub

Egg Throwing Competition
and the chance to win the inaugural
Martin Wise trophy

Chair's Comments



Summer is fast approaching, although the hail storm and gales would like to suggest otherwise. But summer will arrive and with it the lovely event which is the Whitchurch Hill fete on May 27th. The sun always seems to shine on fete day, so let's hope this year is no exception.

This annual event is a proper old-fashioned fete with stalls to entertain you, a wonderful brass band, and of course the excellent cakes in the Women's Institute tea tent. For those with a thirst there is a beer tent and bar. All you need then is a burger to go with your beer which you will find expertly cooked by the team from the Parish Council.

If you have never been to the fete do come this year. It is a relaxing, fun afternoon, with no pressure to do anything but soak up the atmosphere and sit in the sunshine with a drink whilst listening to the band. Don't leave before the end or you will miss perhaps the quirkiest part of the fete- the egg throwing competition. This year it will be even more keenly contested as we have a special new award, the Martin Wise Trophy, to be given to the winner each year. This could be you!

We are not planning to hold any special events for the coronation, partly because it is so close to the fete, but there is a village celebration being held in Whitchurch to which everyone is welcome. It is on May 8th from 2-5pm on the Village Green. It is free, but donations of cakes or biscuits will be very welcome! More details on page 10 and the Whitchurch on Thames website.

But, we are not ignoring the coronation. Various sites around the Parish will have some royal themed decorations, and don't forget to enter the front garden competition. Crowns galore please!

When you are out and about admiring all the crowns, I hope you will appreciate how clean the Parish is. The annual litter pick took place recently, and as usual we picked up more bags of rubbish than you would think possible in a quiet rural area. It still seems a mystery as to why anyone needs to hurl beer cans from their car, when taking them home would be very little more effort. If we all pick up an odd can or bottle we see when we are out walking it will help, but the real answer is to stop the problem. Any ideas welcome.

The local elections are on May 4th this year. Voting takes place in the village hall - don't forget to bring some photographic ID, such as a passport, as this is a new requirement for 2023.

Whilst you are in the hall waiting to vote, cast your eyes around. Isn't it a lovely space? Wouldn't it make a good place for a party? If you have never considered hiring it for an event do think about it. The rates are very reasonable, and the kitchen is well kitted out with all you might need.

Details of who to contact are in the back of the magazine.

Liz Collas
Chair of the Parish Council

Welcome back to Tots on the Hill

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of the Whitchurch Hill toddler group - Tots on the Hill.

We are a 'Stay and Play' group, meeting every Thursday morning 10 am - 11:30 am (term time), at the Goring Heath Parish Hall (Whitchurch Hill - opposite St Johns Church).

We pride ourselves on being a really friendly, inclusive group. With some great toys, books, crafts, snacks and singing, it's a great opportunity for everyone to make new friends and have a lot of fun.

It's £3 per family group for each visit, no need to pre-book. Our first session starts on the 11th May. We look forward to seeing you there.

May Events

Day	Date	
Monday	1st May	Early May Bank Holiday
Thursday	4th May	Local Elections
Saturday	6th May	Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort
Sunday	7th May	Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle
Monday	8th May	Bank Holiday and Right Royal Entrance competition
Saturday	27th May	Whitchurch Hill Fete at 2pm
Monday	29th May	Spring Bank Holiday

Annual Parish Litter Pick

Many thanks to those who turned out on Saturday April 1st for our annual litter pick. Sadly, whilst our numbers were down on past years, the quantity of litter collected was as bad as ever - as shown by the large piles of bags of collected rubbish that you may have noticed at various sites around the parish that weekend.



The variety of litter on display ranged from the mundane in the form of bottles and broken car parts through to more exotic offerings, such as the 3 Little Pigs (now safely rehomed).

Nature lovers will be less than thrilled to learn that there has been an unwelcome invasion of our pleasant byways and lanes with no fewer than 3 species of Strongbow Can (common, lesser spotted and golden), with one picker finding no fewer than 37. All will be humanely recycled. .



We repeat this exercise every year in March or April, so keep an eye open for the announcement in the Parish magazine - we would love you to join us next year.

Mike Holland

Planning Decisions

The following planning applications, decided between 17th February 2023 and 14th April 2023 have been considered. Where a decision is not given, it means the Parish Council has not yet received written confirmation from SODC.



Premises and application details	Parish Council	Notes
<p><u>P23/S0380/FUL</u> Bozedown Windmill Bozedown Drive Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PE Erection of wind turbine on 15 metre high tower / pole (19.36 metres high including blade).</p>	<p>No Strong Views</p>	
<p><u>P23/S0632/DIS</u> BP Technology Centre Bozedown Drive near Whitchurch Hill RG8 7QR Discharge of condition 6 (Construction Traffic Management) & 8 (Landscaping) on planning application P19/S4248/FUL (Redevelopment of the site to include demolition of time expired buildings (G, K, M, N, S (all to be fully demolished) and U (part demolition to remove store room) and replacement with a single building (Building H). Refurbishment of existing laboratories (Building D)). - as amended by NMA application PL/P22/S2567/NM.</p>	<p>No Strong Views</p>	
<p><u>P23/S0645/T28</u> Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Prior notification for proposed installation under telecommunications code system operators of 12 (Twelve) metre wooden poles. The pole will be installed with 9.7m above ground.</p>	<p>No Strong Views</p>	
<p><u>P23/S0300/HH</u> Cwmgwyn Hill Bottom Whitchurch Hill RG8 7PT Construction of a garage .</p>	<p>No Strong Views</p>	
<p><u>P23/S0384/FUL</u> Goffs House Goffs Hill Crays Pond RG8 7QA Construction of a tennis court.</p>	<p>No Strong Views</p>	

Premises and application details	Parish Council	Notes
<p><u>P23/S0699/HH</u> Pot Kiln Cottage Eastfield Lane Goring Heath RG8 7ST Erection of single storey rear extension.</p>	<p>No Strong Views</p>	

Planning

We would like to point out that No Strong Views is one of only three choices that SODC gives the parish council. It does not illustrate tacit approval of an application. Typically, it is supplemented with specific comments from the parish council highlighting areas of concern.



Plant Stall 2023

After two successful years, the plant stall at Elsinor, Hill Bottom returns for another spring season.

The winter was not overly kind to plants set aside in the autumn to sell in April/May, but we are not deterred.

If you have any excess flowers, veg plants, small shrubs etc we will be happy to take them off your hands.

Initially money will be raised on behalf of the WI and will go towards funding the flowers for the Village Well this year.

These are supplied, planted and cared for by Liz Gibson in Bridle Path. Patriotic colours will be the order of the day.

Any excess funds will then be donated to a charity, as yet to be determined.

Sally Bergmann

District Councillor's Commentary

My current term of office as your District Councillor is drawing to a close, completing four years of service representing residents of Whitchurch, Goring Heath, Mapledurham and Kidmore End.



Before I was a district councillor I was a parish councillor, so was familiar with many of the issues that the District Council handles, particularly planning. However, I was, as I still am, very involved in community life, sometimes as a mere participant, but also as an innovator and initiator, and I think that it is important to be involved in the community when one is a local government councillor, as it enables communication to be more effective, and mitigates the risk of local government being a world of its own, separate from residents and voters. During the last four years, I have much enjoyed meeting residents across the ward, and sometimes being able to help.

I have been impressed by the work and dedication of many employees of the District Council, and it is a great shame that the impact of Covid and subsequent working from home by many of them has meant that it has not been possible to meet people in the office on a casual basis, to exchange views and give praise and thanks in an informal way. Having worked in larger offices, I know how valuable quick, informal interaction is in building relationships and exchanging information.

I should especially mention the team who tackle council tax issues when these are escalated from problems that Capita cannot resolve, and the team that deal with fly tipping. The latter combine fast action to pick up the fly tipping, and then vigorous and imaginative actions to track down the offenders which has led to a number of successful prosecutions.

I have also been impressed by some of my fellow councillors, who have taken key decisions that have secured the District Councils financial position, and have worked with senior officers to deliver pragmatic solutions to problems that have arisen during the last 4 years, including a shortage of waste truck drivers as a consequence of Brexit, and the effects of Covid which led to a rethink on plans to rebuild the offices to save high rent costs.

Reading about the well publicised troubles of other Councils, such as Slough, Croydon, Thurrock or Northampton, and in Private Eye, issues in other councils seemingly arising from the arrogance and incompetence of elected councillors, it is good to find that South Oxfordshire has a good balance of competent, careful officers and responsible and dedicated councillors. Whatever the result of the forth coming election, I am sure that this good culture will be maintained.

Peter Dragonetti

SODC District Councillor for Kidmore End, Whitchurch, Goring Heath and Mapledurham Heath



You can use any of the following types of photo ID at the polling station on 4th May:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards
- Voter Authority Certificate
- Anonymous Elector's Document
- Older person's bus pass or a disabled person's bus pass

All of these IDs must be originals, not copies, but some expired documents will be accepted.

From the Editor

It's May and the coronation is upon us! For many of us, the image of a coronation comes from the newsreels of 1953 whilst others have personal memories of that day in June 70 years ago. How the world has changed. From gathering round a small black and white, new-fangled television to an era of enormous OLED TVs, a camera in everyone's pocket courtesy of the smartphone and social media for instant commentary, our experience of this coronation will be very different.



The now familiar concert laid on to celebrate royal events wasn't a feature of Queen Elizabeth's coronation. Who would have been the 1950's equivalent of Take That, Katy Perry or Bryn Terfel? Answers on a postcard to the editor!

But the common factor which spans the generations is the desire of communities to get together. Here in Goring Heath we are encouraging you to make a splash at the front of your house by decorating your garden, gate or door with a coronation theme. And there is a prize up for grabs. Judging will take place from 3pm on Monday 8th May.

Whitchurch on Thames are holding a village celebration, also on Monday 8th May - and Goring Heath residents are welcome to join the party.

Enjoy the festivities!

**Whitchurch on Thames Village Celebration
Monday 8th May 2-5pm
Village Green**

You are invited to the community event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

- The Roy Bailey Big Band will be playing and there will be community table of tea, cakes, biscuits and other donations.
- There is no charge and everyone is welcome, including visitors from out of town or residents from other villages. We just ask that people consider bringing donations of cakes or biscuits if possible.
- The Church will be organising Arts & Crafts activities for children.
- The school plans to sell Pimm's and beer.

If you have questions or would like to be involved, please contact our Clerk Jane Yamamoto at:
parishclerk.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com



A RIGHT ROYAL ENTRANCE COMPETITION

Decorate your front garden,
gate or door with a coronation
theme to win a fabulous prize!

Register your entry with the Parish Clerk at
goringheathparishcouncil@gmail.com

Judging on Monday 8th May 2023 from 3pm



Tots on The Hill

Come along and join the fun!

Every Thursday during term time, 10:00 - 11:30 am.

Let them: play, create, sing, snack and make friends.

While you enjoy a hot cuppa and a biscuit!

£3 per family.

Starting 11th May!

@ Goring Heath Parish Hall

Whitchurch Hill (opposite St John's church)

For more information check out our Facebook page or email Debbie on totsonthehill@myyahoo.com

Woodcote Volunteers



Did you know.....

Woodcote Volunteers do so much more than just take clients to medical appointments?

We drive people to the hairdresser, dentist, optician, library, shops, a day centre, a friend in hospital, a recreational activity such as bowls, a social activity such as the board games afternoon at Woodcote Library, collect a prescription – the list goes on.....

But it doesn't stop there! Our drivers are not just a taxi service; they will help you in to your appointment, make sure you are in the right place, offer an arm, carry your belongings, push a wheelchair, pass on useful information and most importantly have a chat with you as well.

We take anyone who does not have access to their own transport and cannot manage public transport. We have Blue Badges in case of disabilities.

Volunteer drivers benefit as well. As a driver, you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are offering a true lifeline to someone in need. It's an activity you can tailor exactly to your own living pattern. You make yourself available as often as you feel you can - once a month, once a week or whatever. And the lifts are usually local. Quite simply, someone in the office will ring you from time to time and, giving a few days' notice, ask if you can make a specific trip. You are free to say yes or no - there's absolutely no pressure to accept.

Whitchurch Hill Fete

We are pleased to be present from 2-4pm on Saturday 27th May this year, so please do come and speak to us, whether you are a potential client, volunteer or just want to say hello.

TO FINISH.....

As usual, if you need a driver, please don't hesitate to give us a call on **01491 681171**. We collect from Woodcote and immediately surrounding villages. **Please give us as much notice as possible before the date you need us.** One of our friendly office workers will answer the phone between 9.30 and 11am on weekdays (excluding public holidays) and you can leave a message on the answerphone at other times.

Find out more about us by looking at our website:

www.woodcotevolunteers.org.uk

Or visit our Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/woodcotevolunteers**

Oxfordshire School Aged Immunisation Service

The School Aged Immunisation Service offer the following vaccines to eligible school aged children aged 5 to 16:

- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (TDP)
- Meningitis (ACWY)
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- Flu (seasonal)

If your child is educated at home:

- They can attend a local Community Based Clinic
- Please contact us (details below) to book into a clinic and to provide consent

If your child is in school:

- They will be offered vaccinations at school
- The school will contact you directly with details



Contact us through our web address, by scanning the QR code or calling 07920 254400

Or visit www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms



Better Housing Better Health

Residents in Oxfordshire can benefit from the advice and support of Better Housing Better Health, a service that helps those worrying about their home energy to create warmer, healthier and happier homes. Last year, through the service's free helpline and their free home visit service (BHBH+) – their team of trained advisors helped over 2500 residents with the aim this year to help even more.

**Better Housing
Better Health**

is here to help keep
**Oxfordshire residents
warm and well at
home**

“ I have heating and
hot water again! I
can't tell you how
happy and relived
me and the kids
are. ”

**Free
help**

Find out how they can help you.
Call 0800 107 00 44

The service can help:

- Residents who are finding it hard to understand energy bills, pay for fuel or read meters
- Access funding to replace old and broken heating systems
- Access funding for insulation measures
- Reduce damp, condensation and mould by better ways of managing a home
- Understand and programme heating controls
- Making onward referrals to additional support services, such as Benefits advice and debt support
- Some residents may be eligible for additional heating support depending on their situation

To speak to the friendly team, call **0800 107 0044** or visit **www.bhbh.org.uk** and complete the online referral form or find the e-mail

Hello from Whitchurch Pre-School



Our bustling pre-school enjoyed another busy Spring Term in 2023!

Our caring staff invested time and energy into designing creative activities to excite the children. We made the most of our purpose-designed indoor classrooms and they have been buzzing with the sound of children exploring, making new friends and having fun. Some of the children's favourite moments this term have included a wildlife day, bubble making and Easter egg painting.

We also enjoyed welcoming two more members of staff, both of whom are experienced in supporting children with tailored learning and development. There are many more fun activities planned for the forthcoming summer term, including a special outing to Rushall Farm for all of our children, a leavers party for those starting Reception in September and celebrations to mark the 30 year anniversary of Whitchurch Pre-School at our current site.

We Are Now An Accredited Forest School Pre-School

We recently gained our accreditation as a forest school pre-school, in recognition of our dedicated outdoor and nature learning area. Forest school learning provides hands-on experience in the natural environment supporting building children's confidence through problem solving. Our staff love seeing our children thrive in this environment.

Our supportive parent and carer community gave our allotment a spring tidy up and even built a new summer house for the children to enjoy. The children have already made great use of this area in exploring the natural world. We will shortly be planting some orchard fruit trees and hedgerow plants to make it even more vibrant.

Come and Join Whitchurch Pre-School

We currently have spaces available for new starters aged from 2.5 years upwards.

- We're open from Monday to Friday during term time, from 8.45am - 3.15pm, with an early drop-off option at 8.30am
- Free government-funded places are available for 3 and 4 year olds for 15 or 30 hours per week during term time.
- Children from out of the Whitchurch catchment area are welcome to apply.

To register your interest, please use the following contact details:

hello@whitchurchpreschool.org

0118 984 4516

You can find more information about the school and forthcoming events at:

www.whitchurchpreschool.org

<https://www.facebook.com/Whitchurchpreschool.org>

How To Support Us

As a small local setting, run as a registered charity, and with the ever-increasing gap between costs and funding for early years places, our fundraising is essential to providing the activities and facilities that are so important for pre-schoolers. This year we are raising money for improvements to our pre-school building.



3 FREE and EASY ways to support us:

- Become a Co-Op Member and select Whitchurch-on-Thames Pre-School. For every £1 spent 2p will be donated to our cause.
- Shop with Amazon, go to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and enter Whitchurch On Thames Pre-School, 0.5% of your order value will be given to Pre-School.
- Sign up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to support “Whitchurch Pre-School - Whitchurch-on-Thames”. The easyfundraising website or app allows you to shop with retailers like John Lewis, M&S, H&M then sends us a donation of up to 5%. Register for free at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whitchurchonthamespresch/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=w4

To donate anytime scan the QR code here or go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/charity/whitchurchpreschool>



Please also look out for posters for our fundraising events happening across the year. You can find more details on our Facebook page at Whitchurch Preschool.

Thank you for all of your support!

Registered Charity 1183193



**Crays Pond Goring Heath
Community Speed Watch Group**

The group currently has seven approved sites - four in Crays Pond and three in Whitchurch Hill - and is on the lookout for keen volunteers to help keep our community safe.

To volunteer, or for more information, email the GPGH CSW Group Coordinator at crayspondcsw@sent.com or via Twitter: [@crayspondCSW](https://twitter.com/crayspondCSW).



Activity Report for March 2023

Fifty vehicles were reported for speeding during the month.

Date	Time	Location & Speed Limit (SL)	No. of Offenders*	No. of Vehicles	% above the SL	Average speed over the SL	Highest Speed/% above the SL
2.3.23	11:30-12:30	B471: Goffs Hill (30mph)	14	125	11%	33%	47mph 57%
4.3.23	11:30-12:30	B4526: Crays Pond House (30mph)	7	102	7%	31%	41mph 37%
16.3.23	11:30-12:30	B4526: Bellmouth junction to Garton End (30mph)	5	114	4%	24%	40mph 33%
20.3.23	11:30-12:30	B471: Goffs Hill (30mph)	11	96	11%	20%	36mph 20%
22.3.23	11:30-12:30	B4526: corner of Beechwood Close (30mph)	2	85	15%	33%	45mph 50%
25.3.23	13:00-14:00	B471 St John's Church (40mph)	11	100	11%	30%	61mph 52%
27.3.23	11:30-12:30	B471: Goring Heath Village Hall (40mph)	0	101	-	-	-

*Offenders are recorded at 36 and 47mph and above in 30 and 40 mph areas respectively.

Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society

Our last lecture this spring is a different take on the history of the two world wars of the twentieth century. Sue Smith will be telling us about the humanitarian relief work across Europe of the Friends' Ambulance Unit, a little-known service of non-combatants.

All are welcome to Join us at Goring Heath Parish Hall on Thursday May 20th at 7.00pm for coffee, and talk at 7.30pm. Non-members fee is £3, to include coffee and biscuits.

We shall have a stall at the fete at Whitchurch Hill at the end of May, and in June and July there are members' only outings, usually involving a pub lunch. After a break in August our meetings return on 21st September with a lecture by Mike Cooper.

It costs only £12 to be a member, why not come along and Join us?

Vicky Jordan

vickyjordan5@hotmail.com

Enjoy a stroll but no-one to walk with?

Community Walks

Our monthly walks continue on the first Monday in the month.

We meet at the junction of Hill Bottom Close and Hill Bottom at 10am and usually walk for about an hour and a half.

The nature of the walks are of course weather dependent and take into account the presence of livestock in fields etc.

The arrangements are very informal so please just turn up in you fancy joining us.

Our next meeting dates are:

Monday 1 May

Monday 5 June

Monday 3 July

Monday 7 August

If you want to know anything more just give me a ring on 07585195669

Sally Bergmann

Hardwick Happenings

What a winter we have had at Hardwick Estate! In January we were ice-skating on the solidly frozen floods of the river meadows, in early March we were sledging on Upper Bec (known locally as Kangaroo Hill), and now sloshing through mud and floodwater again! A very friendly local otter has been punctuating our community WhatsApp group with wonderful images of it frolicking and rolling in the frozen grass.

In mid March we held our second quarterly Hardwick market at Lin's Veg Shed for the spring equinox, the next one will be around the summer solstice. The markets are an opportunity to buy a range of Hardwick produce and crafts plus street food, tea and cake and live music. We are hoping that they will continue to grow as the Estate hosts more and more producers over the coming years in line with our vision.

The first years of the Hardwick lecture series was a great success with monthly events throughout 2022 each featuring a Hardwick resident sharing their knowledge and passions in an area in which they have expertise. We had talks about natural dyeing, boat building, access to land, critical thinking, and holding mining corporations to accounts among others. The series continues and there are many more great minds to hear from both on the Estate and in the local community in 2023! Please get in touch if you would be keen to give a talk.

In the woods we have finally felled the last major block of ash affected by dieback, in Hangings Grove (beside the road on Path Hill) and below Holly-Copse. While it may look a bit scorched earth at the moment it will soon green up with coppiced hawthorn, hazel and sycamore, and, as per the Estate's woodland management policy, it has been replanted with a diverse range of native species suitable to soil types. Elsewhere we are continuing to thin mature beech stands to increase structural and species diversity. This year we have produced some quality timber which is going to the Midlands for sofa carcasses, a truly sustainable use of our wood resource.

As ever we are very grateful for your patience with footpath closures. Forestry operations will soon be paused for the summer and we'll be back next winter to continue our slow conversion of the Estate's largely monocultural stands to much more diverse 'near natural' woodland management.

Many of you may not know that Hardwick was the fourth certified organic farm in the UK when Sir Julian Rose converted Path Hill Farm in 1975. Building on this reputation as a pioneer of organic farming we have recently made a decision to convert all the remaining land which is not officially Soil Association certified.

This means that all the horse grazing (with the exception of the Stud Farm) and smallholdings on former horse grazing land will now come under an organic license held and paid for by the Estate.

This change is part of land use planning work being carried out as part of the strategic planning for the Estate as we head towards becoming a charity, and will mean no GMO products can be fed to horses, and only organic feed fed to other livestock.

Organic certification gives the public and the Estate assurance that the highest animal welfare and environmental conditions are being adhered to, and helps our smallholders get support with farming queries, as well as getting a better price for products.

The Estate continues to work towards its upcoming transition into a community-led charity structure, moving away from private family ownership following the wishes of the Rose family.

In February we held our third 'Thinking Together' day designed to help us build the skills we need to make this major change. At this event the newly formed Energy working group reported back on their work looking at options for community energy generation and energy efficiency.



An energy efficiency survey has been designed and is now being completed, and the Estate's 30+ homes and businesses will be surveyed with a thermal imaging camera next winter to identify areas for improvement. Investigations into community generation of renewable energy, either via lots of individual on-home installations linked together, or perhaps a community solar farm/wind turbine.

The Thinking Together meeting was also extremely lucky to have a presentation and discussion with Ailsa Raeburn, Chair of Community Land Scotland and the Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust – a real expert on Scotland's community owned Estates (now 3% of Scotland!) and with so much relevant knowledge to share.

On her invitation a group of Hardwickians are now making the long journey to Skye for the Community Land Scotland conference where we can learn so much from the Scottish experience and forge supportive links for our own journey.

Upcoming Events at Hardwick

Hardwick Lecture Series @ The Tolhurst Organic Packing Shed, RG8 7RD. 11th May - 7.30pm

Hardwick's Recent History: Going organic, the campaign to save raw milk, and where next?

Sir Julian Rose and others (£3 donation)

Hemp Fair

Sunday 14th May 11am – 8pm. Hempen, RG8 7RE.

A fun and educational day out for families and adults with games, workshops, talks, hemp cafe, hemp burger van, stalls, educational stands and live music. [https:// www.hempen.co.uk/shop/ hempen-events/the-hemp-fair/](https://www.hempen.co.uk/shop/hempen-events/the-hemp-fair/)

REPAIR CAFÉ
Goring Village Hall
Saturdays 11:00am—1:30pm
First Saturday of every month



New, free repair service by volunteers to help reduce waste

Help reduce carbon emissions and Save our Planet

Bring up to two items needing repair or attention and we'll do our very best to fix them whilst you wait.

Voluntary donations are welcome to pay for hire of hall etc.

Refreshments available in Café Bellême

2023 — 1 April, 3 June, 5 Aug, 7 Oct, 2 Dec

2024 — 3 Feb, 30 March, 1 June, 3 Aug, 5 Oct, 7 Dec

Information: 07789 871620

Whitchurch Hill WI



Since the last article your WI have been preparing for a busy summer ahead.

A new Committee has been formed to coordinate our up -coming activities.

We will have celebrated our 70th birthday in April - more about that in the next newsletter.

In the meantime look put for the results of their labours - patriotic decorations around a couple of key sites in the village will help set the scene for the Coronation. This will be followed by the WI Tea Tent at Whitchurch Hill Fete 27 May.

In June we will enjoy our very own afternoon tea inside the village hall or outside in the garden - weather depending.

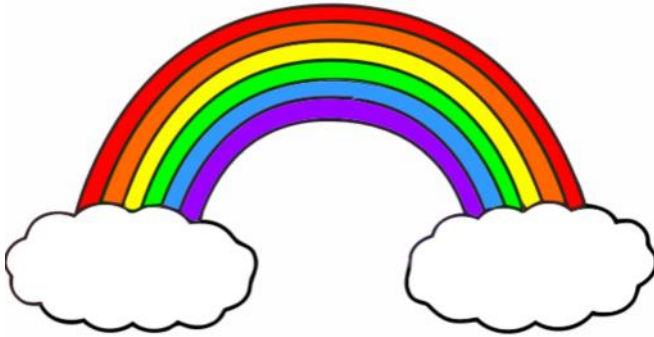
Our regular programme of speakers continues too - at our meetings held on the third Tuesday of every month.

Programme 2023-2024

16th May	Tom Way	Wildlife Photography Around the World
20th June	Kate Bettison	My Life as a Film Extra
18th July	Hayley Scott	The Life of a Metropolitan Crime Scene Investigator
15th Aug	Informal meeting: Coffee and Chat (Whitchurch Hill Village Green)	
19th Sept	Andy Kemp	The Curious History of Greenham Common
17th Oct	Robbie Foster	My Career with British Airways
21st Nov	Jean Hill	A Lightweight Presentation of my Poetry
5th Dec	Christmas Lunch The Highwayman, Exlade Street	
16th Jan	Mike Brook	Top of the Greasy Pole (Anecdotes about PMs)
20th Feb	Amanda Shora	The Pleasure of Singing
19th Mar	AGM—no speaker	

If you fancy coming along - or just want to know more please ring France Strange on 01189842162.

Sally Bergmann



Rosie Care

**Dementia and Palliative Care
Trained and Experienced
Public Liability Insured, Enhanced DBS
Own Car and Blue Badge
Contact me on:
Tel 01491 682437 Mobile 07966 509 908**

Charitable Educational Grants

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).

Phone: 0118 984 4262,

e-mail: whitchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com

St. Bartholomew's C of E Chapel, The Allnutt Alms-Houses,
Goring Heath, RG8 7RS

Open to the Public --All Welcome

Sung Eucharist 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

Sung Matins 2nd & 4th & 5th Sunday of the Month at 11am

*Said Holy Communion at 9.00am on 2nd & 4th Sunday with
special prayers for the sick*

All Services are taken from the book of Common Prayer

Chaplain: Rev Peter Dewey, -- 07784912935

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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
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goringheathnewsletter@gmail.com Please allow sufficient time in
advance for the publication of the appropriate newsletter.

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Party hire

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

For information and booking:

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South Oxfordshire District Council New Department Numbers

Main Customer Service Number: **01235 422422**

- ♦ **Planning -** 01235 422600
- ♦ **Building control -** 01235 422700
- ♦ **Environmental health, food and safety** 01235 422403
- ♦ **Licensing -** 01235 422556
- ♦ **Elections -** 01235 422407
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- ♦ **Community safety -** 01235 422590
- ♦ **Street naming and numbering -** 01235 422344

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