

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

I hope you all had a nice summer although the weather seems to be very mild at the moment. We haven't had any very cold spells yet so it still seems as if the autumn is being kept at bay, long may it continue.

The village fete, at the beginning of September, was a great success with the Beenham Wind Orchestra providing a musical note. The weather was kind to us and it didn't start raining until the very end when everyone had to make a sudden exit to avoid getting wet. Also, on the same day, was the Whitchurch and Goring Heath Autumn Show which saw a large number of entries for the various sections and these were duly judged and trophies awarded. I would like to thank all the people involved in organising these two events and I think they demonstrate the wonderful village spirit we have in that people will give up their time freely to provide enjoyment for others.

Another event which I feel I must mention was the exhibition of Stephen Trinder's art in the village hall over the weekend of the 7th, 8th and 9th of October. As everyone knows, Stephen did a lot for the village and this was a great tribute to him. Many people attended to enjoy his artistic talents so congratulations to those who organised it – a great success.

Finally, I have to report that one of our councillors, James Polansky, has had to resign as his work has taken him away from Whitchurch on Thames. I think I can safely say that we on the council are greatly appreciative of the contribution James has made in the time he has been a member of the council and we wish him every success in his future endeavours.

The next Bulletin will be in January so I hope all of you have good end of year celebrations.

Keith Brooks October 2016

WHITCHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

The elves are already busy planning this year's Whitchurch Christmas Market which will again be held at Whitchurch Primary School from 11am – 3pm on Sunday 4th December.

This year we are so excited to be adding an outdoor ice skating rink for children and adults to enjoy (please email whitchurchiceskating@gmail.com to book your slot). We will also be holding a raffle with some amazing prizes including dinner for two at the Crooked Billet, a Sunday roast for four at The Elephant Hotel and lots, lots more (please email carolinejacollins@gmail.com to buy your raffle tickets). We will have Santa returning in his grotto, some wonderful craft and gift stalls and many children's activities. We will also be serving lots of refreshments, which of course will include mulled wine and mince pies. It's a great community event that is suitable for all ages, with something for everyone to enjoy. All proceeds are in aid of Whitchurch Primary School.

We would like to thank all our sponsors: The Co-op Pangbourne, The Elephant Hotel, The Ferryboat, The Sun, Warmingham and Whitchurch Bridge Company for their kind support. Put the date in your diary and come along for lots of fun-filled festivities!

Caroline Collins

WHITCHURCH UNITED CHARITIES

Calling all **STUDENTS!!**

The Secretary of Whitchurch United Charities wants 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 28th February and 31st August. 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 Peter Hawley (our Grant Application Secretary) on (0118) 984 1647 or write to him at:-

3 Whitchurch House
High Street
Whitchurch-on-Thames
Reading RG8 7EP

ONLY PATHS AND HORSES

Whitchurch has a small network of footpaths and bridleways. Like all villages these routes are defined in length and position, sometimes in width, and are registered and numbered by the local authority.

We are fortunate that despite only having 12 footpaths (5 of them short or very short) and 4 bridleways and one R.U.P.P. (a road used as public path) most of these can readily be interconnected with those of our neighbouring villages to provide us with the many 'round' walks that we enjoy. We are doubly fortunate in that we also have access to a number of permissive footpaths on Hardwick land and this adds to our route variations and further enjoyment.

Footpaths, in the main, have been in use for centuries and may well be based on the paths used by local workers to get to their places of work who at the end of their working day used another, probably more convenient, path to return home. In doing so they allow us similarly to separate and vary our return routes from our outgoing ones.

But bridleways were used for communication, often over long distances, radiating out without any immediate alternative route for the return. This is obviously irritating to today's leisure horse riders who are frustrated by being unable to locate permissible 'round' rides readily and easily. Unfortunately this frustration on occasion leads them to use the footpath network, this abuse leads to paths that are almost impassable on foot in wet weather and uncomfortable underfoot in dry periods.

Although this is understandable, particularly where a previously safe route for horses is now a main road (Whitchurch Hill or Path Hill for example), such use is not allowed on the defined and registered footpaths and on a permissive footpath network only with the consent of the landowner.

Eric Hartley

GORING HEATH AND WHITCHURCH AUTUMN SHOW

The Goring Heath and Whitchurch Autumn Show was held in the Parish Hall on Saturday and, as always, the exhibits of fruit, vegetables, flowers, baking, art, crafts, flower arrangements and photographs highlighted the talents of the entrants. Despite the Whitchurch Fete being held on the same afternoon, the number of entrants and viewing public didn't seem to suffer. The committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who entered, to the judges – Rodney Davis, Ann Lewis, Sally Woolhouse and Jim Donahue, to the volunteers who helped set up on Friday evening and clear up on Saturday afternoon and to all those who supported the event in the afternoon by buying plants, refreshments and raffle tickets as well as enjoying seeing the wonderful exhibits.

The very deserving trophy winners were:

The Allotment Cup *(for the most points in the Vegetables and Fruit Section)*

John Coupland

The Betty Haytor Memorial Cup *(for the most points in the Flowers Section)*

Dave Sexon

The Floral Arrangement Trophy *(for the most points in Flower Arranging Section)*

Sue Sexon

The Handicraft Trophy

Viv Chambers

The Art Trophy

Liz Gibson

The Arts and Crafts Trophy *(for the most points in Art and Handicraft Section)*

Liz Gibson

The Baking and Preserves Cup

Sue Matthews

The Photography Cup

Joint Winners – Lorna Woolhouse and David Pearson

The Douglas Allardyce Memorial Rose Bowl *(for the most outstanding exhibit in the Vegetables, Fruit and Flowers Sections)*

John Coupland – for his basket of vegetables

Children's 1st place rosette *(for a fingerprint painting)*

Sophie Bucknall

Children's 2nd place rosette *(for a fingerprint painting)*

Woody Taylor

Children's 1st place rosette *(for four Rice Krispie Cakes)*

Eve Taylor

The Children's Cup *(for the most points or best exhibit in the Children's Section)*

Eve Taylor

Whitchurch Hill Trophy *(for the most points overall)*

John Coupland.

The Spring Show 2017 will be on Saturday, 1st April (yes, April Fool's Day!) so put the date in next year's diary as soon as you get it.

Helen Willis

THE JOURNEY BY NICK BRAZIL

Whitchurch AD 430

Naked, featherless and blind, the fledgling flapped his embryonic wings. Lying in the nest amidst the debris of his recent hatching, he opened his beak with an instinctive demand for sustenance. A demand that was soon met by his mother thrusting a beak load of insects down his throat before flying off for more food. Always more food was needed.

Three weeks later, the swallow took flight from the nest. No longer naked and helpless, his body was now covered with a protective sheen of feathers. Out over the tree cover changing from green to autumnal brown, the young swallow twisted,

turned and dived towards the river where the insect swarms were thickest. This knowledge had been imprinted within his brain by the chemicals of instinct passed on by the genes of his parents.

Hundreds of other swallows flitted and dived above the rippling waters snapping up the dancing insects in an instant. Suddenly, a warning as strong as it was indistinct caused the young bird to make an instantaneous break to the left and right as he flitted for the cover and safety of the foliage on the bank. Not a moment too soon as the larger predator, a hobby, its pointed wings swept back, made a lightning dive for him. Missing the young swallow the hobby soon made good with a slightly slower bird. Just as the swallows were frantically preying on the insects in readiness for their imminent journey, the hobbies preyed on them in the ceaseless search for food. Failure by either birds would be repaid by starvation.

Days later the young swallow joined thousands of others migrating south. Flying higher than they had ever done, the flock was driven by a group instinct towards the magnetic warmth of the southern sun. High above, a formation of honking geese overtook them in this annual race for survival.

On the ground below, men fought and killed in their own battles for survival. Smoke from their war and pillage smeared the autumn sky. But the flocks saw nor sensed none of this as ten thousand wings beat on the air. Neither were they aware of the abandoned villas with their torn roofs or the long horned cows turning feral in the absence of their Roman owners.

Travelling down the Channel and into the greyness of a Biscay storm, the flock was thinned as weaker members succumbed and died their frozen bodies falling into the storm flecked sea. But the young swallow lived for he was strong, a natural survivor. Flitting in and out of sleep lasting micro seconds, the swallows crossed the cruelly beautiful white caps of the Pyrenees where countless travellers had perished as did more of their number. But the flock paid them no heed as they flew on into the heat of Iberia and then the Sahara.

Many more would perish over this arid expanse, their lifeless bodies unseen by the passing caravans of camels carrying spices and slaves to the rich markets of the Levant, Greece and Phoenicia.

Finally, the exhausted swallow and his remaining companions arrived at their destination in the Southern African savannah with its vast herds of game from the mighty elephant to the nimble Impala. Here dense clouds of insects danced and swirled over the waters of lakes and rivers. Ample food for the swallows and their new families of demanding chicks. Ample food for the next perilous journey northwards.

Sixteen hundred summers later a distant descendant of that young swallow flew back to the same nesting area by the Thames. Centuries of flood, weather and man had changed the landscape beyond all recognition but this hardy bird knew nothing of this. This was his first return migration to Britain. Instinct took him to the same nesting place where his ancestor had started life. Then it had been beneath the crumbling tiled roof of a deserted Roman villa, now it would be a nest in the shadow of a TV satellite dish.

WHITCHURCH BRIDGE

Our new speed bump and crossing point at the Toll Booth is now in place and we hope this makes it easier to cross the road, particularly for those with buggies and young children. It does NOT give priority to pedestrians, but we expect it to encourage motorists to be more aware of them.

Our engineering consultants Peter Brett Associates have now completed their Report on options to widen the Pangbourne approach road and footway, and between now and February 2017 there will be a period of Pre-Application Consultation: We have put the Report on our website and placed a hard copy in Pangbourne library. We have also written to Whitchurch-on-Thames and Pangbourne Parish Councils with hard copies of the Report inviting comments. We also welcome comments from individuals.

The Company will decide in February 2017 which option to develop further based on the Report's recommendations and the comments received. We will then open discussions with those landowners whose land we would need to acquire, and seek to negotiate agreements for the transfer of land ownership to us subject to Planning Permission

being granted. When we have these agreements in place (and we can only proceed if we get these agreements) we will prepare a Planning Application for submission to West Berkshire Council.

It is unlikely that any works will take place before 2018, and when they do start we will do our best to minimise the extent of any necessary road closures.

Geoff Weir

Company Secretary, the Whitchurch Bridge Company
www.whitchurchbridge.com

AFC WHITCHURCH FOOTBALL CLUB

We are a small, friendly club based in Whitchurch on Thames. We welcome players from Whitchurch and surrounding areas and have 5 strong teams plus our blossoming Academy section for our youngest players. We are a parent-run club and are all extremely passionate about football, encouraging our children into regular exercise and promoting healthy team spirit. If you are interested in joining us please get in touch – afcwhitchurch@yahoo.co.uk

Team Updates:

U8s – *report by Matt Lorrimore.* The U8's started with a bang, notching up a big win in their first game of the season! This has set the kids up well for hopefully a great season. It's a joy to see the progress in terms of their understanding and development as players and appear to be having fun doing it. Squad training has moved to Wednesday nights to help provide extra opportunities to improve and push the skills on. Thanks to all the parents for their support as the U8's continue their footballing journey. New recruits always welcome!

U9s – *report by Paul Underhay.* Our second season in the RWBL, following a successful first season with a confident group of boys winning silverware. We play against teams from areas with much larger talent pools and punch above our weight. We are adapting to playing 7 a side and, though early days, there are good signs of a lot of potential being unlocked. The boys are keen and talented

and, when they come to terms with the demands of the new format, I'm sure will thrive. We play an attacking brand of football, with the emphasis on teamwork, movement, passing to feet and good finishing.

U11s – *report by Geoff Hardwick.* The U11s have had a great start to the season. We entered a pre-season tournament playing nine a side and offside for the first time. In the group stage they won the first game, lost the next and drew the third which just landed the team into the plate competition. They played a very tight defensive line with some lovely passing and fought their way through to the final which went to penalties. A steady keeper and some very assured shooting earned them a 4-2 win and their first trophy of the season which they celebrated with champagne in true premier league style. The boys are in division 2 of BYDL this year on much bigger pitches (and goals) playing 30mins each half. We are working on getting the ball out to the wings, holding the defensive line and passing the ball through the defense for the attackers to run on to as well as key ball skills like heading and shooting. They move the ball very well and are starting to work together as a team, always very much enjoying their football. It should be a good season.

U13s – *report by Gary Stovell.* The under 13s are playing their first season at 11-a-side on full size pitches. There are a few new faces in the squad and it will take some time to settle into some rhythm. We've played 3 matches so far, all against teams previously in the top division. With one very good win and two poor losses, our inconsistency is clear. This bunch have risen to similar challenges before and I look forward to seeing them do the same this season. A lot to be excited about with this new look squad.

U18s – *report by Alistair Aitchison.* Stepping up from U16 to U18s was a little bit of a scary prospect; however, despite losing our first game 3-2 away to a predominately 17 year old squad at Cove, we have since beaten Maidenhead 2-1 at our home ground at Upper Basildon Village Hall and then last weekend thrashed Barton Rovers 8-1. We have been able to pick up 3 players from the now disbanded Goring Robins U18s squad from last year and they have brought a level of experience that has given the others boys confidence.

We have also now come to an agreement with Upper Basildon village hall committee whereby we are the sole users of their pitch and facilities and we are looking forward to making the most of this to offer changing rooms to both home and away teams, refreshments to supporters and a good quality pitch for the boys to continue to play their very attractive close control game of football.

Look out for us on the EBFA Full-time website Div 2 U18s or come and watch the boys play on Saturday mornings at 10:30am on home games.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for news and photos – facebook.com/afcwh

Lindsay Austin, Club Secretary

WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH HISTORY SOCIETY

Our last meeting this year sees the return of Elizabeth Hazeldine, who last year thrilled us with the tale of the murder of Laura Dungey in Henley-on-Thames, which shook Victorian society. This year she tackles another Henley murder, the case of the poisoner Mary Blandy which has puzzled commentators ever since. Was she guilty of cold blooded murder, or merely the innocent dupe of a calculating adventurer? We hope to find out.

The meeting is on Thursday 17th November at 8pm at Goring Heath Parish Hall, RG8 7NY, on the B471 Cray's Pond to Whitchurch road. Coffee served from 7.30pm

Non-members always welcome; £3 to include coffee and biscuits

In the New Year we meet at Whitchurch Village Hall, Manor Road, RG8 7EU, for a Members Evening on Thursday January 19th at 8pm. We'll have short talks about a range of subjects, often very local and based on enquiries we've had throughout the year. Do join us.

Vicky Jordan

The Whitchurch Society

are holding their annual

Art & Craft Exhibition 2016

At Whitchurch Village Hall, Manor Road

on the weekend of **Sat 19th / Sun 20th November**, 10am-5pm

Refreshments served all day
Prize giving at 4.30pm on Sunday

Sending-in of exhibits:
Thursday 17th Nov 7-8pm at May Cottage, Eastfield Lane &
Friday 18th Nov 10am - Noon at the Village Hall

Joyce Voysey Prize Theme is 'TREES'

We look forward to receiving entries for the exhibition from ALL age groups, and from previous contributors, but we also hope that there will be lots of new entrants too, especially children who may not have entered before. Young people might be particularly interested in submitting work in new media. We welcome all ranges of work - it is an enjoyable, friendly event, not an elitist showcase!
All residents (both past and present) of Whitchurch-on-Thames and Goring Heath parishes are eligible to enter their work. Please join in!

The details of all the categories and entry rules are set out on the website at <http://wotarts.co.uk> or please ring the phone number below for a printed copy of the schedule.

If you have any queries or would like to help with running of the exhibition, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sally Woolhouse 0118 984 4365 or email sally@wotarts.co.uk

WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Next year we shall be hosting our friends from La Bouille in Normandy for a visit at the beginning of May and need to raise funds to do so. Please come and support us at the WOODCOTE COFFEE SHOP (next to the library) on Saturday 12th November, where we will serve delicious British cakes and raffle a basket of lovely French food and wine. A nice way to stock up for Christmas

Vicky Jordan

WOTHABS

Riverbank Survey. On a sunny August Sunday we carried out a preliminary survey of flora and fauna to be found along the Whitchurch/Pangbourne stretch of the Thames. Equipped with reference material and a list of what to look out for, some of us searched from small boats keeping close to the bank, while others walked. The afternoon was a great success thanks to willing boat owners and rowers/paddlers as well as the keen eyes of Pangbourne and Whitchurch participants. Thanks too for the very welcome brew-up – courtesy Pete and Sally Woolhouse and their Kelly kettle!

Gill Goodwin

Whitchurch Fete. John Bradon made an excellent Treasure Hunt for the visitors to try their hand at, and the idea of separate adult and children's prizes worked well. It grossed a creditable sum of £13.75 = (55 go's at 25p per try). The Fergusons won the children's prize (a Bug observation dome) and Mary Mattimoe won the Bird ID book.

I feel we made a good effort to be present at this important village event but it was very hard to catch people's interest, especially once the heavens opened at 4pm!

Sally Woolhouse

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 30th October, Hallowe'en Walk: 1.30 pm at Chalkhills, Hardwick Road, Whitchurch RG8 7QS. Have you ever seen

bittersweet, dead man's fingers, poison pie, deadly nightshade, witches butter, or funeral bell?? Come and find out if these plants and fungi with scary names are really as poisonous as they sound! Start of walk and parking in the former vineyard field at Chalkhills – follow signs. Everyone welcome, no charge, no need to book!

Sunday 13th November From 1.30pm: Fungus Foray at Chalkhills. Organised by The Fungus Survey of Oxfordshire Group. Parking in the former vineyard field at Chalkhills – follow signs. Residents of Whitchurch-on-Thames are invited to join this foray; beginners & children (with adults) welcome.

Please phone Sandra Parkinson (0118 984 4031) for more details of these two events.

WHITCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time at school as our pupils and staff return from the summer break full of enthusiasm for the year ahead.

This time of year also sees us welcome many new pupils to our school as they begin their learning journeys at Whitchurch Primary. We hope that Dorothea, Isla, Amber, William, Duncan, Stanley, Isabella O, Maya, Harriet, Levan, Sasha, Isabella K, Thea, Bethany, Pia, Wyatt, Seb, Ana-Rafaella, Amelia, Evan and their families have all enjoyed their first few weeks at Whitchurch and we look forward to sharing this journey with you.

Over the summer we were delighted to have our brand new library installed thanks to the fantastic fundraising efforts of our Parent Association. With cuts to the mobile library services across the country we are delighted to be able to offer our pupils the opportunity to use this wonderful learning resource. As well as this, our pupils' journey to school has been made much smoother and safer thanks to the resurfacing of Eastfield Lane; we would like to thank those who made this possible.

This year is a particularly special one as 2016 marks the school's 50th anniversary. To celebrate this occasion the whole school has embarked on a topic learning all about how life has changed in the last 50 years since the school was built.

As part of this topic the children have been learning about many of the historic events that have happened in this period including the moon landing; advances in technology; how fashion has changed; as well as looking at how the school itself has changed since 1966. Additionally, our Year 5 and 6 pupils have written their own versions of a newspaper report from the 1966 World Cup final.

At the end of this term we will be holding a 'Street Party' in the playground where the children will be coming to school dressed in their finest 60's attire.

Our celebrations will continue for the remainder of 2016 so, if you have any thing you feel would help enhance our children's understanding of how life has changed in Whitchurch over the last 50 years, please get in touch.

On the sports field our football, netball, cross country and orienteering teams have enjoyed a successful start to the school year, while our many talented musicians gave a wonderful performance of their musical skills in a special assembly.

Over the coming term, we look forward to beginning our preparations for our many Christmas celebration events including our nativity play and carol concerts.

Gavin Jones

WHITCHURCH PRE-SCHOOL

We'd like to start by thanking everyone who helped make a great success of the village fete again this year. We couldn't predict the weather, which unfortunately wasn't kind to us, but we had a great turn-out, and with the raffle ticket contributions we managed to raise over £3000 for the pre-school. This money goes directly towards funding equipment and supplies for the children to help keep the pre-school running. We hope the whole community enjoys being brought together for our lovely annual event and we're already looking at improvements for next year's fete.

We're now looking forward to Christmas and with the new pre-school children settling in well, they're getting involved in numerous festive activities. Dressing up for Halloween, preparing for the nativity and

getting involved in the village carol concert means you may see them masquerading around the village soon! Occasionally you will see the children being taken for walks up to the maze, or to see the building works along Eastfield Lane, or even on a trip to the library in Pangbourne, so do say hello to the future generations if you see them walk by.

The pre-school currently has spaces for children aged 2.5-5 years. So if you'd like to see the setting for yourself then please contact Kathleen on whitchurchpreschool@me.org or phone 0118 9844516 to arrange a visit. As a charitable organisation there are some tight books to balance so we welcome children from inside and outside of Whitchurch. It offers a perfect setting for preparation of the children for primary school, with activities such as French lessons, music, singing, arts and crafts, PE and cooking. Monday afternoons offer the rising 5's a chance to specifically develop skills required for primary school to ensure an enjoyable and easy transition upwards.

We look forward to welcoming you and to seeing you over the Christmas period.

Beth Baxter
Secretary

PAWS APPLE DAY

It's hard to believe we've now had our 4th Annual PAWS Apple Day at the Whitchurch Maze. This popular community event is now a firm staple of the Pangbourne and Whitchurch Autumn calendar. With the beautiful weather we've been having, this year's event turned out to be glorious. Surprisingly, despite the weather, many people complained that their apple trees were not mature enough for picking by the 25th September. So it was a little slow getting started, and in the meantime volunteers picked some from the nearby allotments, and children climbed nearby trees in the Maze and Muddy lane, and then more people turned up with more apples and soon we were in full production mode. It's amazing how well things work out when a community gets together to make a little apple juice. Some regulars showed up and we met some new friends. As always, an uplifting community event.

Special thanks the Beth and Chen of Transition Town Reading for the use of their press.

Jim Donahue

A PLEASANT STROLL

You and/or your visitors might enjoy a stroll through our neighbouring woods?

Drive up the hill, turn right at the Hatchgate and park alongside the Whitchurch Hill recreation area. Walk towards the village and turn left down Orchard Coombe (this was a delightful cherry orchard). Follow the road round until it turns left towards the main road. As it does you will see a pond opposite on your right and a footpath to the left of it. The pond was the water supply for the cattle kept on this area, which was Whitchurch Common, and the hatchgate was placed to prevent them from leaving the Common.

Follow this narrow path to reach the road to Hill Bottom, turn right and walk down to meet the crossing of the Bridle Road on your right and Gashes Lane on your left. Turn into Gashes Lane and follow this bridleway into Great Oaks Wood. As you enter the wood the path forks, your path is to go left (the right hand one is your return route). Follow this enjoyable broad path through the wood until you reach a 'T' junction, turn left (the path straight ahead is now private); your path is marked shortly afterwards by a single post on your right and will lead you down a narrow track towards the Crays Pond to Goring Heath road (dogs on leads now).

Cross over with care to the broad lane immediately opposite. This is another Eastfield Lane which emerges at the top end of Shervill's Hill in Woodcote. You won't go that far but should follow the wooden fence on your right until the lane starts to bend left and on your right you will see a wooden kissing gate and a dominant footpath sign. Enter the woodland (Little Oaken Wood) here, you will be faced with three paths; take the middle one which has been clearly and splendidly marked and blazed by the Chiltern Society volunteers. Follow these blaze marks straight ahead, do not turn at any of the other marked paths to your left or right. You will meet and go through another wooden kissing gate and again go straight ahead but now down a marked but rather narrower path. You meet and now turn

right onto a broad track (this is the bridle road to Exlade Street).

This track will lead you back to the Crays Pond road again (dogs on leads), cross over with care to the metal gate opposite. Follow this broad road (the many concrete pads hereabouts carried the huts where ammunition was stored during the war). Suddenly the bridle path narrows as it drops off to your left (unmarked) to re-enter Great Oaks, it soon broadens again and will lead you back down Gashes Lane. Cross the Hill Bottom road and go down the Bridle Road opposite to then turn right to return to your car.

You will have walked about 3 miles but you can shorten the walk by parking on the verge near the entrance to Gashes Lane. If you do start from Whitchurch and walk up to the Hatchgate turn it will add another 2 miles.

The impediments (trailers, trees etc.) you have passed en-route were positioned to discourage and prevent access to these areas by Travellers.

Eric Hartley

***Whitchurch on Thames Village Bulletin:
Advertising for 2017***

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Adverts will be printed in B&W

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Please contact Richard Williams email richardwill444@onetel.com

The Bulletin is distributed to 350 properties in and around the village and has readership of about 800



Whitchurch-on-Thames Christmas Market

Sunday 4th December
11am to 3pm

Whitchurch Primary School
Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch-on-Thames



NEW this year - outdoor ICE SKATING rink



Pre-book your ice skating slots by emailing
whitchurchiceskating@gmail.com



*Raffle, Santa's Grotto, Craft and Gift Stalls,
Tea and coffee, Beer and Mulled Wine,
children's craft and activities*



*Come and enjoy
our ice skating rink
and visit Santa in his Grotto*



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Outdoor ICE SKATING rink

at the Whitchurch-on-Thames

Christmas Market

Sunday 4th December, 11am to 3pm

Whitchurch Primary School, Eastfield Lane, Whitchurch-on-Thames



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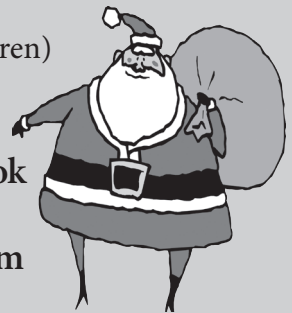
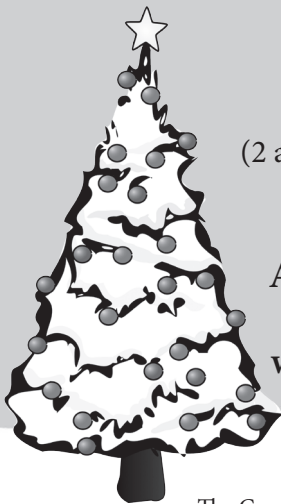
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£25 per family

(2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children)



**Avoid disappointment and pre-book
your tickets now by emailing
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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

*Please visit Village web-site (whitchurchonthames.com)
for any updates.*

Date	Event	Details
30th Oct	WoTHABS: Halloween walk	1:30pm, Chalkhills, Hardwick Rd
5th Nov	Maze Working Party	10am The Maze
12th Nov	Twinning Association:	10-12.30am Woodcote Coffee Shop (next to Library)
13th Nov	WoTHABS: Fungus Foray	1:30pm, Chalkhills, Hardwick Rd
17th Nov	History Society: Mary Blandy talk	8pm, Goring Hth Parish Hall
19th – 20th Nov	Art & Craft Exhibition	10am-5pm, Whitchurch Village Hall
4th Dec	Whitchurch Christmas Market	11am-3pm, Whitchurch Primary School
1st Jan	Whitchurch Society NYD walk	Please see notices or Village Web site for further details nearer the date
19th Jan	History Society:Members' Evening	8pm, Goring Hth Parish Hall

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The next edition of the Village Bulletin will be published in January and will cover events in February to April 2017 (inclusive). Deadline for contributions will be Sunday 8th January and the Bulletin will be distributed w/e 21st – 22nd January.

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