

The Bulletin of Whitchurch on Thames September 2013

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What a summer! But now the days are shortening, the schools are back and the Village fête is just a very happy memory. It is still warm enough for that stroll in the evening sunshine and there are some cricket matches still to come. Spectators are welcome: the fixture list is on the web site.

There are many reports in this issue and I will try not to duplicate. But there are a few things I must mention. Firstly, of course, the big event before us is the closure of the bridge. A lot of thinking and effort has gone into attempts to minimise its impact, but the problem is so simple that there are no easy solutions.

It is essential to keep a way through the Village right down to the footbridge and imperative that vehicles can turn round. Hence there will be double yellow lines south of Eastfield Lane. Otherwise no one is going anywhere. So if you are in Pangbourne and wish to be picked up use your mobile phone so that the driver does not have to wait.

Any extension of parking restriction that becomes necessary will be announced on the web site. Details of the Surgery on Tuesday afternoons appears elsewhere in this issue and on the web site.

When shopping in Pangbourne it is always worth asking if goods can be delivered. Some shops already do this and have indicated that they will continue to do so. Prescriptions can be delivered to home addresses by arrangement with your usual chemist.

Current information is that Streatley High Street will also have temporary double yellow lines. Very tough on the residents there but it should make everyone else's life a lot easier.

And now, times they be a changing! John Barker's herd of Rare Breed White Park cows and his battered pick-up have been part of our Village scene for many years. John has at last decided that the time has come for him to do other things. End of an era: they will be greatly missed.

On the flip side of the coin, for the second time an Inspector has ridden rough shod over the wishes of the community, the Parish Council, the SODC planning Officers and the elected Planning Committee of SODC and decided that the Eastfield House development can go ahead.

The Village Green Management Group is now led by Harvey Ainley. A fund for a new pavilion now exists, which was given a kick start when Lucy Worsley donated the proceeds from her talk to it.

Although this may be a longer term project we have shifted the Earth in the past and we can do it again.

Finally, please start thinking *now* about the Art and Crafts Exhibition in November. It is *now* that you will take that amazing photograph or get that project with the wow factor really moving once again.

For details of the exhibition and news relating to the bridge closure keep a close eye on our web site www.whitchurchonthames.com which will be kept as up to date as possible

Harry Butterworth

Footnote: Concerning the Eastfield House planning application

Speaking in general terms developers sometimes remind a planning department about legal costs when an appeal goes against it as pressure towards planning permission and I mentioned this in my comments about the Eastfield House application in the July Bulletin. Roger Pratap has written to me strongly denying that his organisation would behave in this way. Here is his letter:

The reality is that the planning system allows for costs to be claimed, but Majesticare has elected not to pursue. Our appeal statement says "*As to the matter of costs referred to in the Grounds of Appeal, the Appellants advise us that it is **not** their wish to pursue this matter. Having considered all of the above the Council might not unreasonably expect an application for costs. However our instructions are that whilst the Appellant does not consider that the LPA's rejection to be remotely reasonable they recognise the need to work with the LPA in the future and therefore has decided as a matter of goodwill not to make an application. That should not however be taken to demur from the proposition that this is a good scheme which should never have been refused, and the Appellant would respectfully invite you to allow the appeal.*"

Roger W M Pratap
Chairman Majesticare Luxury Care Homes
Majestic House | 34 Mansfield Road | Heanor | Derbyshire DE75 7AQ

Autumn walk 2013

This year we will visit the site of the Roman Villa dig at Gatehampton. It will be possible to walk there and back, to go or return by train or to drive (there is parking space adjacent to the dig).

The dig is available for us on Sunday 6 October and I suggest that we leave a little later than usual (say 12:30 hrs. opposite the Art Gallery) and thus allow those who attend church beforehand to join us. (Bring a drink and a packed lunch?).

It is 2½ miles and will take us just under an hour. Keep your eyes open en-route, not only are there some magnificent views across the valley and down to the river but the area is steeped in history.

We follow our ancient Tuddingway with a view of Coombe Park on our left and just before the steps we pass the drop to Hartslock Cottage. The Cottage featured in the 1991 Michael Palin film 'American Friends' (I now have the DVD). Nearby a grave was discovered with the bodies of two men side by side (one with coins in his mouth [a Roman burial?]). The area was also the scene of a tragedy; in July 1877 a young Gaiety Girl drowned herself.

As we reach the top of the rise there is a quarry on our left (look out for it on your train journeys from the west). This was extensively quarried for materials for the building programmes of Henry 1 and Henry 111. All the chalk was taken out by river!

Just before we emerge from Lower Hartslock Wood we pass a WW2 pillbox – part of the river defensive system against invasion.

Our path leads straight on to Gatehampton – not only one of the lost villages of Oxfordshire but the site of Neolithic, Bronze Age, Roman and Saxon occupation.

The site we are to visit is very big and has been under investigation for many years; we have been invited to see the section recently exposed.

DO COME AND JOIN US – ON FOOT, BY TRAIN OR CAR

Return on foot by the same route.

Eric

My apologies – in a recent article I added 10 years onto the life of each of our estates! Manor Road was built in the 1950s and Swanston Field in the 1960s (I should have known - we moved here in 1964).

Re: Whitchurch on Thames bridge closure – Bus service 142

The planned closure of Whitchurch Toll Bridge for reconstruction works is now progressing towards the commencement stages. I have been advised that the closure is planned to take place from late September / early October 2013 until mid-April 2014. This will affect service 142 which links Woodcote and Whitchurch with Pangbourne and Reading.

During previous closures in the area this service has been altered to provide a circular operation. In the morning buses run direct from Reading to Checkendon via the A4074, returning via Exlade Street, Goring Heath (Post Office), Woodcote, Crays Pond thence Hill Bottom and Whitchurch-on-Thames, to reverse at Manor Road. They will then return direct to Crays Pond and follow the diversion via Goring, Streatley and Lower Basildon to Pangbourne. From here they will then follow the normal route to Reading.

In the afternoon, the above is operated in the reverse direction (i.e. Clockwise), outwards via Pangbourne and Goring to Crays Pond and again serve Hill Bottom on route to Whitchurch-on-Thames. They will then continue to Woodcote, Goring Heath, Exlade Street (not all journeys serve the latter two points) or direct to Checkendon from where they continue directly back into Reading via the A4074.

This will mean an extension of journey times via the diverted route, although there are also options for a faster run to/from Reading at certain times by travelling round the loop via Checkendon. In particular the first bus into Reading has had to be retimed to run some 15 minutes earlier from points such as Whitchurch Hill to enable it to reach Reading at an appropriate time but this is still a few minutes later arriving than at present. It was felt that passengers would not wish to get up any earlier!

John Wood

Assistant Public Transport Officer

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REDUCED BUS TIMETABLE.

Mondays to Saturdays 142

	M-F	Sat		
Whitchurch on Thames, Manor Rd	07.43	07.43	09.53	11.53
Pangbourne, Police Station	08.12	08.12	10.22	12.22
Reading Bus Station	08.47	08.31	10.43	12.43

Return Journey

Reading Bus Station	13.00	15.00	16.45	18.15
Pangbourne Police Station	13.19	15.19	17.07	18.32
Whitchurch on Thames, Manor Rd	13.46	15.46	17.34	18.57

MAZE WORKING PARTIES

These will take place on the following SATURDAYs every month this summer at 10.00AM:

21st SEPT, 19th OCT

Please come along and help with edging, sweeping and general maintenance of the Maze and contribute to the important effort in keeping this special place looking good! All tools provided.

Note: these dates may be subject to change during the restoration works but details will be posted on the village website and the noticeboard at the Maze.

Report from the Boathouse Surgery in Pangbourne

The Boathouse Surgery will ensure that a good service is provided for all our patients in Oxfordshire during the 7 months when the bridge is closed and when Pangbourne is only accessible to Whitchurch and Whitchurch Hill by the temporary footbridge or by driving round using the bridge in Goring.

We would encourage patients to come to the surgery during this period either by car or using the footbridge as then they will still be able to access the full range of services in the surgery.

To accommodate those patients who may find this difficult Dr Oppenheimer, Dr Keast and Dr Woolley will undertake (in rotation) a clinic in the Whitchurch Village Hall every Tuesday morning to see patients registered with any of the doctors at the Boathouse Surgery. There will also be a phlebotomist available to do blood tests. It is not practical to provide one of our nurses as so much of what the nurses do requires a sterile environment and/or equipment which cannot be achieved at, or taken to, the Village Hall.

Direct access is being arranged to patient computer records at the Boathouse Surgery so that the doctors will have full access to these in the Village Hall. An examination couch will be provided.

Appointments at the Whitchurch Village Hall will need to be made as usual at the surgery. We will also have appointments available on the day as we have at present in the surgery. It is not possible at the moment to estimate how many people will use this service. If it is very popular it may be possible to offer more appointments. However we would like to encourage our patients to continue to use the surgery in preference as it is much easier for us to provide the high standards of care that we aim to give at our normal premises.

The district nurses and GPs will continue to visit the housebound and those at Eastfield House. The doctors recognise that they may have to make a few more visits than usual and will have a car on the Whitchurch side of the river so that it will be possible for all the partners to see their patients at home when required.

We have investigated the possibility of patients collecting their drugs from the Village Hall but unfortunately this will not be possible. One of our dispensers already delivers medication for housebound patients and this will continue. Prescriptions will continue to be dispensed at the Boathouse Surgery for Oxfordshire patients who are on our dispensing list and are resident in Whitchurch Hill and beyond. All patients resident in Whitchurch need to use their usual chemist. Arrangements can be made with some chemists for home delivery of regular items.

We will of course keep this new outreach service under review and hope to adapt and improve the service provided when we understand more about what the needs of our patients are. Please let us know about any problems or concerns that you have.

Dr. Oppenheimer.
Pangbourne Medical Practice

THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

We have been busy!

It is always feast or famine. Last year we had too much rain, this year we have had very little rain.

This means our water pump is in continual use with members trying to keep their plots watered and their crops going. So far we have not run out of water although the bank balance is suffering with the cost of fuel to keep the water pump active when required.

The plots are looking busy and our new plot holders have continued to be keen which is always satisfying to see.

We always welcome enquiries from potential members and if we haven't got a plot we can put your name on our waiting list.

Ros Heath

NEW STATION MANAGER A GORING FIRE STATION

New Station Commander Marcus Reay, 37, for Goring has been with Oxfordshire County Councils Fire and Rescue Service for 14 years and comes to Goring after serving both in an operational role as a Fire Fighter and performing many specialist roles.

As part of his role he will be focusing on community safety for local residents whilst they are in their homes or whilst travelling. Marcus said "I love working in such a lovely part of Oxfordshire and am lucky to have such a great team of Fire fighters".

Marcus and all the crew at Goring would like to remind everyone about the following things;

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms raise the alarm early, giving everyone time to deal with the situation before it becomes a fire or in the event of a larger fire - gives everyone the chance to get out, get the fire service out and stay out. They should be tested every week.

Escape Plan

Would you and your family know what to do if you had a fire in your home tonight? It can be difficult to think clearly in an emergency, make sure you have an escape plan which covers where to leave your keys, choosing your quickest safest route out of the house and ensuring you practice your plan to make sure it works.

Bedtime routine

Always ensure all naked flames and smoking materials are extinguished before bedtime.

Close all inside doors to stop a fire and smoke from spreading.

Never leave the washing machine, tumble dryer or dishwasher running overnight.

For more information please visit the on-going 365 alive campaign please visit:-

<http://www.365alive.co.uk/wps/wcm/connect/micro/365alive/Home/>

Or contact Station Support Officer for Goring Richard Seamark on 01491 872885 or 07919111982

PLEASE REMEMBER NEVER HESITATE TO CALL 999 IF YOU
NEED US IN AN EMERGENCY

Whitchurch Bridge Closure

During the Whitchurch Bridge Closure between October 2013 and April 2014 residents should continue to follow the advice above.

Crews will still attend from surrounding stations in Oxfordshire including Wallingford and Henley as normal. Our Neighbouring Fire and Rescue in Royal Berkshire will continue to support incidents in the Whitchurch/Woodcote area by providing fire appliances from Caversham Road Station in the North area of Reading.

I would like to add that we will also have an additional response vehicle at Goring fire station to support incidents during the period of the bridge closure which will help ensure emergency response to incidents near the Whitchurch area.

Oxfordshire County Councils Fire and Rescue Service are continuing to liaise with Oxfordshire Highways to ensure that services will not be affected.

I will also be holding some information days in the Whitchurch area to reassure residents of any concerns they may have. I have contacted local schools and will be using the email contacts they have (for parents and carers) to help spread that message.

Regards

Marcus

On Wednesday 18th September Goring Fire Station will be open to people to call in to see the contingency measures that have been put in place while Whitchurch Bridge is closed.

We hope that this will assure people that an effective emergency response will be maintained during the works.

So please come along and see what measures we intend to introduce so that you can then pass that information on to any interested or concerned parties.

Doors will be open at 4.00 until 8.00.

Please pass this invite on to anyone you feel may be interested in coming along.

Watch Manager Richard Seamark

Goring Fire Station, Icknield Rd, Goring RG8 0DG

Tel, 01491 872885

Mob 07919111982

Art and Craft Exhibition 2013
The Whitchurch Society

Saturday 16th November 2013
(Entries submitted on Friday 15th November)

Rules can be found at:
www.whitchurchonthames.com
(Village Groups/Whitchurch Society)

The theme for the Joyce Voysey prize is
“Wild & Free”

There is a

COFFEE MORNING

EVERY TUESDAY IN TERM TIME

10.30 am - 12 noon

IN THE OLD STABLES ROOM

FREE REFRESHMENTS AND FRIENDLY
CHATTER

Toys for the children

HISTORY SOCIETY

After our summer afternoon outing to Huntercombe Place and our summer evening historical walk around Benson - both blessed with fine weather - it is time to start the autumn lecture season.

We welcome Alan Turton on Thursday 19th September, to Goring Village Hall, to talk to us about the life of an English Civil War soldier. Alan is an authority on the civil war, has appeared on many television documentaries and written extensively on the subject. Until recently he was curator of Basing House. Starting at 8pm, this is an evening not to be missed, as we are promised an intimate account - from boots to hat and all in-between - to bring the world of the seventeenth century soldier alive. Dressing up possibly involved. Many battles and excursions took place around South Oxfordshire, with sieges at Wallingford and Reading, and the Duck Street battle at Henley, so our ancestors would have been involved and called on to supply horses and food.

On October 17th we meet at the same time and place for an evening of short talks. Why not come along and join in the discussions of the history of the villages? We'll find out about the Polish encampment at Coombe Lodge, pick out some passages from the diary of Caroline Lybbe Powys from the eighteenth century and hear the result of members' researches.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month either at Goring Heath Parish Hall or at Whitchurch Village Hall. Coffee served from 7.30pm and we welcome non-members.

Vicky Jordan



Whitchurch Cricket Club

Pangbourne & Whitchurch Juniors Cricket Club

We are a junior cricket club that have started in 2012, our aim was to get local children playing grass roots cricket in their area and to make sure we promote the longevity of two adult clubs that have been around for almost 150 years each. We wanted to run our junior section in a different way to other clubs and keep the numbers of players in our age groups down so we drive quality over quantity, to make sure everyone has the chance to play cricket whatever their age or ability and most importantly to have FUN !

How are we doing so far and does the strategy work? Well this year we have entered 4 teams in the Berkshire Youth Cricket League at Under 9, Under 11, under 13 and under 15 age groups and 1 team entered into the Oxfordshire Under 13's league. All teams in the Berkshire Leagues have finished as division champions (Under 9's Joint top) Which is a fantastic effort and something we are very proud of as a club. Our Under 13's made it through to the Semi Final of the County Cup and our Under 15's have just been crowned Berkshire County Champions in division 2 by winning the final against Wokingham on the 1st September.

We believe it's about getting the players playing in cricket matches, this year we have played 53 games and this does not include our practice matches on a Saturday morning or extra tournaments we have entered. We are not a club that focuses on winning cricket matches, we focus on having fun and working hard and as a by product of this we have been very successful. This is not just because we have good teams, it's because we teach the players it is more than 11 individuals in a game of cricket, it's about working together as a team as that's what makes you successful at cricket and life.

We have also the distinction of being one of the highest qualified coach to player ratio clubs in Berkshire with current training session running to a 1 to 4/5 coach to player ratio, we feel as a club that if you want to develop all players we feel you need to be in groups that enable you to develop everyone's talent to the highest ability they can achieve.

If you would like more information on how to support us or how to join our family run cricket club please contact Jim Wheeler (Chairman) 07810880810 or Stephen Rushton (Vice Chairman) 07904029697 or please visit our website on Play Cricket to see our values and approach.

WOT HABS

The WoTHABS stall at the village fete asked people to record what wildlife they have seen. The level of interest was pleasing. As well as the expected frequent sightings of badgers and foxes, several people had seen more unusual creatures including glow worms and nesting barn owls. There were even reports of an egret and some red-eared terrapins, so do continue to keep your eyes peeled and let us know what you see

(Wothabs@gmail.com).

A forthcoming WoTHABS event to note is a fungus foray for children in the Maze and Village Green at 2pm on the afternoon of Saturday 12th October at the Village Green car park. Eastfield Lane, Whitechurch. Come and join us to look for fungi, finishing at Chalkhills, Hardwick Road, where our finds will be identified for us by experts from the Thames Valley Fungus Group. No need to book, no charge, but no unaccompanied children please! For further details please contact Sally Woolhouse: 0118 9844365.

This links into a further event on the afternoon of Sunday 13th October at Chalkhills, where experts can show you and talk about the many types of interesting fungi that grow around here. It will start at 12:00 noon. If you would like any further details, please contact Sandra Parkinson: 0118 9844031.

Whitchurch Village Fete on behalf of Whitchurch-On-Thames Pre School was on Saturday 31 August this year and was a fabulous, sunny event.

It was held on the recently christened Village Green at the cricket ground which looked lovely with gazebos, bunting and lots of exciting stalls and attractions.

This year Graham England made a welcome return with the Scouts climbing wall, the Spiderman bungee trampolines were back by popular demand and we had a new Mickey inflatable slide and striker game.

There was a Pre School run bouncy castle for little ones with guess the number of balloons in the Mini competition won by Peter Kemp.

Guess the number of sweets in a jar competition was won by Emmeline Bolton and guess the weight of the cake was precisely calculated.

For sports fans we had a crazy mini golf game and Pangbourne and Whitchurch Junior Cricket team ran a coconut shy in the nets.

New to the fete were the donkeys from Theale who calmly watched Mr Oojamaflip our favourite circus performer and the face painting and balloon modelling!

The stalls were amazing: jams and chuneys, vintage clothes and furniture, Weavers Wood Alpacas, jewellery, new and second hand books, Phoenix Trading by our very own Lindsay Austin, Whitchurch artisan brewery, Hen House, woodcraft and candles, grannies attic, "adopt a cuddly" and more.

Local organisations were well represented and had a good day. We were delighted to have PAWS, Whitchurch Bridge Company, Whitchurch and Goring Heath Twinning, Whitchurch and Goring Heath History and WOTHABS!

Thanks to Whitchurch cricket club for helping with the bar b q (and setting up) their quality burgers went down a treat especially with beer or Pimms from our beer tent.

Thanks to Ian Barter our amazing sound engineer and to Stephen Trinder our charming compere for the entertainment. The PA equipment was kindly loaned by Whitchurch-On-Thames primary school. The Centaurs of Attention, a 7 piece ukelele band opened and were brilliant! The Ladybirds have reformed and did another great folk set and Rosie Gardiner pleased the kids with her puppets and singing.

Simons Pet Services ran a highly amusing fun dog show with the obstacle course creating some refusals by the smaller dogs!

Tutts Clump Cider drew the Grand Draw generously sponsored by BP again this year who enabled us to offer a staggering selection of prizes: IPAD mini, PS3, Luxury mini break and £100 iTunes vouchers. The Club at Mapledurham donated a golf game and the Ferryboat in Whitchurch a meal, and we had other kind donations too.

Nick Brazil organised the classy classic cars including a red Rolls Royce. Thanks to him and the car owners.

The finale was the tug of war which was a friendly this year and thoroughly enjoyed by the children who had many repeat contests. Too many beers and burgers by the Dads maybe?

Money is still coming in but at this time it stands at over £4000 which is a really significant amount to contribute to our new building fund and to buy a new climbing frame in the Pre School playground. None of this would be possible without the continued and valued support from our sponsors: BP technology centre for the Grand Draw, Warminghams and Richard Wilson Long Solicitors for the attractions, Thames Valley Veterinary Group and Simons Pet Services for the dog show, the cricket club, village hall and Parish Council for the use of facilities and the PCC for the loan of chairs! Thanks too to the Pre School parents who make cakes, run stalls and give time to make the day a success.

There were a lot of smiley faces on the 31st so thanks to all who came and enjoyed the fete, which is a great village event for old or young, boy or girl, 2 legs or 4!

PAWS Barn Dance

on 28th September at Hardwick Estate Packing shed
- from 7:30pm .

Contact Jane at 07876714906 for information or to buy a ticket

GORING HEATH AND WHITCHURCH SUMMER SHOW

This time the weather has been so much kinder and entries were of good quality. However fewer people than usual entered the flower and produce sections, so special “thanks” to those who made such lovely contributions. We must also thank our expert judges who willingly give us their time and expertise.

Once again the Craft sections were well supported, especially in the cake baking. That malt loaf recipe seems to have been adopted by many as a new favourite. Cake seems to be our forte as a great deal was consumed by a pleasing number of visiting viewers in the afternoon, when the prizes were given by our Curate, Clare Alcock.

Dave Sexon’s fabulous Roses were once more judged “**Best in Show**”. He also won the **Betty Hayter Memorial Cup** for most points in the flower section and the **Whitchurch Hill Trophy** for most points overall. The **Allotment Cup** was won by John Coupland with a fine selection of produce.

The **Arts and Crafts Cup** went to Ann Lewis.

The **Baking and Preserves Cup** was well deserved by Pam Wilkinson with a consistently high standard in all sections.

David Pearson won the **Photography Cup**.

The **Childrens’ Cup** was won jointly by Izzie and Henry Pickess whose banner on the theme of celebration was a joy to behold.

Fame came to Goring Heath with a report in the Henley Standard. The arrival of a young man (with a camera) was unexpected to say the least – but it was good to celebrate the spirit and success of this village event.

We will gather again for the Spring Show on 5th April 2014 when we hope for kind weather once again, on a day that misses bank holidays and is late enough for flowers to be in bloom. The schedule will be on the Village website in plenty of time, do have a look and consider taking part, you’ll be very welcome.

If you want to get ahead, photography titles are:

A Single Tree,

Rooftops

A Walk on the Wildside

Frank Young, 1918 - 2013

A gentle soul, who in his 80s and 90s walked every day from his home in Hardwick Road to Pangbourne and back and was known to many in the village, has died aged 95. Frank Young had lived in Whitchurch with his daughter Pauline Bainbridge ever since his wife, a childhood sweetheart, died twenty years ago. He was a Geordie from Newcastle who fought in Italy during the Second World War and worked in the construction industry for many years. Frank always had time to help others. His three devoted daughters and many friends and relatives attended the funeral service in Reading on 28th August.

"Our Civil Liberties – What are they?
Where have they gone? "

Britain once prided itself on the hard won political freedoms secured for and by its citizens under the “English Charter of Liberties”. Today, it’s a whole other story ...

Julian Rose introduces the new season of Hardwick Lectures with an in-depth examination of the state of our civil liberties today.

Saturday 5th October 2013 – 6.45 for 7.00pm
Hardwick House, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxon RG8 7RB

To book a place please call the Hardwick Estate Office on 0118 9842955 or e-mail hardwickestate@btinternet.com

The lecture will be followed by a bowl of “liberty” soup

Tickets £10

www.hardwickestate.co.uk



Pangbourne and Whitchurch Sustainability
Group

2nd Annual PAWS Apple Juicing Day

and

Whitchurch Maze Re-opening Ceremony

20th October 2013 1 to 4pm

**Bring your windfall Apples and help us turn them in
to Apple Juice to drink and take away.**

Please sign up at Garlands Organic Shop, or call Jim at
07557668601 if you'd like us to pick them for you ahead of time.

Join in for juicing, snacks, tea and coffee, and fun.

Re-opening ceremony at 3pm at the Whitchurch Maze.



The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club



Organiser: Christine Martin

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whitchurchtheatreclub@gmail.com

The Whitchurch & District Theatre Club takes you to musicals, plays, ballets, operas, classical concerts etc. once a month. Salisbury, Windsor, Oxford, Stratford, and Chichester, amongst others, are often visited. Also major London productions. Mainly matinees, but sometimes evening performances. Tickets purchased at group/concessionary rates. From Spring 2014 members can be picked up from Whitchurch Hill, Whitchurch-on-Thames and Pangbourne.

Subscriptions £8/10 per annum



Goring Heath Parish Charity

Regd. No 1056772

September 2013

Now the summer holidays are over, the Management

Committee of Goring Heath Parish Charity have organised some “events” to look forward to and which will appeal to a wide variety of tastes. So do come along to one or better still all of them.

Saturday September 28th 9am-12midday

Table top and car Boot Sale

Sellers – 8am

£7 Per Car and Table-top, £10 Per Van

Information and booking a pitch, contact

07793 443 270 or bnt@waitrose.com

Saturday October 19th 7.30pm – 10.30pm

An Evening with Simon Jones

Simon will value your treasures!

Tickets £10, includes a light supper

Contact 0118 9842056 or bnt@waitrose.com

Saturday November 2nd 7.30pm

Moonrakers – an Oxford based group of four musicians.

Tickets £10 which includes refreshments

Contact 0118 9842056 or email bnt@waitrose.com

***To find out more about all these events, please look at the
the village website, www.goringheath.com***



**Pangbourne and
Whitchurch
Sustainability (PAWS)
Group**

PAWS has just conformed its 2013 Programme of events.
Please feel free to join us for any of these events.
For more details, check www.pawsg.com
or contact Jim Donahue at jimdonahue7@gmail.com.

September Roundtable Discussion with Transition Town Reading

26th Pangbourne Village Hall

8- 9:30pm

28th Barn Dance - Hardwick Packing Shed

October Presentation on Permaculture by Green Broom
Old Stables, Whitchurch on Thames

Thursday,
24 Oct,
8- 9:30pm

20th Apple Juicing Day,

November

Eco- House Visit – Whitchurch Hill
Sunday Details TBC
10th

30th West Berks Brewery Tour

APPLE DAY CELEBRATIONS

ORCHARD OPEN DAY

CROSS LANES FRUIT FARM, MAPLEDURHAM, RG4 7UW

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 10.00am-5.00pm

Apple tasting and fresh juice too. Guided orchard walks.

Here at Cross Lanes we have a splendid crop of many traditional English apple varieties. We grow over fifty varieties of apples, all different – sweet, sharp, juicy, crisp, nutty, rich, aromatic, complex and delicious. Come along to our Open Day and titillate your taste buds. Sweet juicy pears will be out for tasting too.

There are a host of other attractions. Apple games for the children and an array of apple peelers - who can get the longest piece of peel. See how the fresh apple juice is made and sample the different varieties. Bees are essential for apple growing and the beekeepers will be keen to share the secrets of the bees with you. Stalls will be selling delicious apple pies, cakes, muffins and jellies with local cider and plants too.

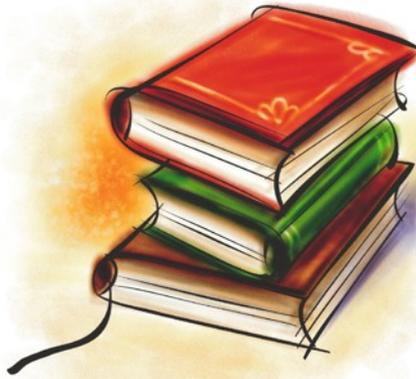
Join one of the guided walks at 11.00am or 12.30pm and 2.00pm or 3.30pm. This will show what is involved in producing excellent fruit in today's climate. Do you have problems with pest and disease or with your pruning? Displays in the barn will answer your questions. Many surprising stories about apples will be there too.

The Farm Shop, selling Cross Lanes apples and pears, juices and honey, will be open as usual. Tea and refreshments will be available all day.

Entrance and car parking are FREE.

For further information contact Gill Franklin on 0118 972 3167 or see www.crosslanesfruitfarm.co.uk.

NOTE. If you miss the day, the Farm Shop is open every Wednesday to Sunday from 10.00am to 6.00pm until the apples run out in January. Or see us at Farmers' Markets in Reading, Purley, Wallingford, Henley, Abingdon, Ascot and others.



Woodcote Library

Thank you to everyone who came to our Thursday morning Story and Craft sessions during the summer holidays. Special thanks to our guest readers, Vicky, Frankie and Chloe.

Chloe volunteered to help with the Summer Reading Scheme again this year. Almost 100 children have taken part in the 'Creepy House' challenge - they have enjoyed talking to Chloe about the books they have been reading and she was always able to recommend the next 'good read'. The challenge finishes on Saturday 14th September, so there is still time to get your medal and certificate.

Don't forget our 24/7 on-line facilities – you can reserve and renew books on line and download e-books and audio books. Reference on-line could be useful for homework and research.

Ancestry is available through the Oxfordshire County Council website. For more information ask at the Library or go the www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries and follow the links.

The next book club meeting is Monday 23rd September at 6.p.m.

New members are always welcome.

Julie Warner
Library Manager

DIARY DATES

Contributions welcome for this column if anyone knows of a date that would be of interest to the village.

September

Thursday 19th History Society
Saturday 21st Maze Working party
Saturday 28th GH Car Boot Sale
Saturday 28th PAWS Barn Dance

October

Saturday 5th Hardwick Lecture
Saturday 12th Fungi Hunt -Village Green
Sunday 13th Fungi Talk - Chalkhills
Thursday 17th History Society
Saturday 19th GH Antiques Evening
Saturday 19th Maze Working party

November

Saturday 2nd GH Moonrakers
Saturday 16th Art & Craft Exhibition
Wednesday 20th PAWS Apple Juicing Day
Sunday 24th PAWS meeting

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