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# CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE – JULY 2024

Despite some unpredictable weather this year, I hope you have made the most of some of the exciting summer activities in England so far such as the Henley Royal Regatta, Wimbledon, the Euros football finals and of course the general election.

I was pleased to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the opening of the Maze shown on the front cover. The Maze was initiated by Nick Brazil and lovingly maintained over the years by a number of volunteers under the leadership of Peter and Sally Woolhouse. I hope that you will agree that the Maze is a special open space in the village, catering to a broad range of residents, from school children and parents, to dog walkers and those looking to enjoy nature peacefully. It has similarities to the new Polish Memorial Gardens on Manor Road that recently celebrated its official completion with the installation of permanent display boards.

**High Street Residents' Parking and Pedestrian Safety changes** – The latest news from Oxfordshire County Council is that they will send letters to High Street residents in July inviting them to apply for permits and the new parking scheme will be implemented in August.

**Contribution to Pre-school new building project** – Most people will be aware of the urgent need to replace the main pre-school building. The Parish Council has recently approved a contribution of close to £3,000 for the project. The Parish Council receives a limited amount of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that is a form of tax on new developments in the village that is passed on to us from South Oxfordshire District Council. We can use this funding for community infrastructure related projects such as improvements to roads and community facilities and open spaces. Whilst we would not normally fund the schools, we have determined that we can use these funds for the school

project that is clearly replacing important community infrastructure. The amount donated is 50% of the CIL funds now held by the Parish Council. The rest will be used for other community projects.

**Whitchurch Award** – Congratulations to Richard and Susan Searce for winning this year's Whitchurch Award! Anyone who uses the Village Hall will likely know Richard has been responsible for maintaining the Village Hall for many years and often goes above and beyond his contracted role to ensure many events go smoothly. Richard and Susan are also instrumental in the running of the church. Richard has been a Bell Ringer at St Mary's for many years, where he is responsible for maintaining the bell tower. He is the one that opens up the church to the public during the week. Susan is the main force behind the Community Coffees held on Tuesdays. They both work to keep the Old Stables clean. They are truly amongst our village's "unsung heroes" helping where they can in the village. You always see them together, supporting each other as well as members of the community. In many ways they are a role model of a true partnership, so it is fitting that this be a joint award.

**Manor Road playground improvements**– Thanks to Cllrs Katherine Higley, Paul O'Grady, Debbie Leach and Diana Smith for their continued work to make improvements to the Manor Road playground. Overgrown laurel bushes and other vegetation have been removed to make way for further space for play. The stumps will be ground out shortly. SOHA will be placing a fence at the boundary and will clear additional vegetation. The climbing frame will be renovated with much needed sanding and painting shortly. They are also getting quotes for removal of the old wet pour surface material to be replaced with wood chips for a more natural playground environment.

**Parish Clerk Vacancy** – We are extending the deadline for the applications for the Parish Clerk position until the end of August. If you know of someone who may be interested in the role, please ask them to contact me for more information at [cllrdonahue.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com](mailto:cllrdonahue.whitchurchonthames@gmail.com).

We are seeking a primarily home-based, part-time Parish Clerk, working an



average of 8 hours per week, or 35 hours a month. The successful applicant will be responsible for organising monthly parish council meetings, supporting parish councillors, maintaining accounts and managing the village maintenance contractor. The clerk is also a key point of contact for residents to raise questions or local concerns, some of which can be sensitive in nature. A full list of responsibilities is available upon request.

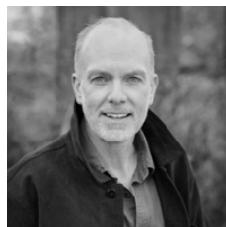
The ideal candidate would be a resident of the local area with general finance and administrative skills interested in getting involved in the community. Prior experience as a clerk is not mandatory as training is available for the role.

**New Bulletin Printer** – As you may be aware, the printer that we have been using for the Bulletin, and that Pangbourne has been using for its magazine, went out of business earlier this year. Thanks to the excellent work by our editor Richard Williams and Tim Hardwick we have found a new highly professional printer at a competitive price starting with this summer issue. You can be the judge, but we hope the quality of the Bulletin printing will be seamless compared to previous issues.

*Kind regards,*

*Jim Donahue*

*Chairman, Whitchurch-on-Thames Parish Council*



# QUARTERLY PLANNING UPDATE –

## JULY 2024

Planning Reference	Address and Application	Comments by WOT PC	SODC status
P24/S1640/HH	P24/S1640/HH Mill Cottage, High Street, Whitchurch-on-Thames RG8 7DH Internal alterations and first -floor extension over existing flat roof	The Parish Council voted to support this application.	Application under consideration
P22/S1679/DIS	P22/S1679/DIS Walled Garden House, High Street, Whitchurch-on- Thames RG8 7EJ The application is for: Discharge of conditions 5 (Surface water drainage works – details required), 6 (Foul drainage works – details required), 9 (Electric Vehicle Charging Points – details required) and 14 (Tree Protection (General)) on application P23/S1070/ FUL (Demolition of existing dwelling and rear outbuildings, replacement by a detached dwelling and detached double garage)	The Parish Council has deep concerns about this dis- charge of condition 5 on surface water drainage works and voted to submit a comment to the Planning Officer that there is no mention of the village water course or restitution of the pond on the property which they believe will have a significant impact on the surface water drainage.	Fully discharged

# DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Well now we know, and for the first time there is no Conservative MP for Henley, or indeed for any constituency in Oxfordshire. I do not expect that the change of government will much affect the District Council or how it is run as most of what we do, such as waste collection, is not a political issue. However, there are to be changes to the planning system, and perhaps Oxford will lose more of the green belt to development to create the economic growth that only seems to be achievable by sacrificing natural resources at a faster rate.

At South Oxfordshire we are progressing with the creation of the new joint local plan. Our current local plan provides for thousands of new homes in the District, so we cannot be accused of standing in the way of development and economic growth. There are several places where sites have already been given planning permission, including one site called North East Didcot where consent for about 2,300 homes was given in 2017 and which, seven years later, is still being built. Other strategic sites identified in the current plan are awaiting action by the developers.

The Council is working on a new Joint Local Plan with the Vale of White Horse; a few months' ago there was an extensive consultation process which used a range of ways to attract as many opinions as possible. In June, the Council won a Highly Commended award at the Planning Resource Awards in the category for Stakeholder Engagement.

The Planning team is now working through all the comments and responses to the consultation, and the timetable is for a draft Local Plan to be published in the autumn of this year for more consultation, with a plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State in the spring of next year and the plan adopted in late 2025.

In the Joint Local Plan there will be planning policies that help address the climate emergency, restore nature, and meet the needs of our residents, such as delivering genuinely affordable low-carbon homes with the right



infrastructure to go with it.

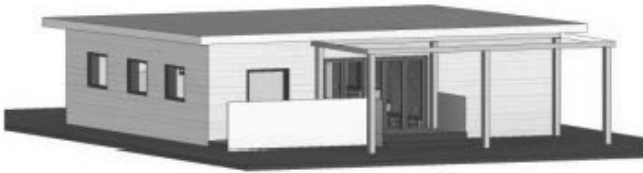
The intention is that the plan will address issues of standards in new homes to achieve net zero and to set standards for more efficient use of water. While the Net Zero standard of carbon reduction is addressing a global problem, the question of water efficiency is much more local. South East England has water supply issues as there has not been much investment in water infrastructure despite the significant increase in population and development over the last thirty or so years. Somehow these needs must be met as well as the challenge that climate change may have on rainfall. The plans for a huge new reservoir near Abingdon have been dusted off again, and are now out for consultation. This is a reservoir not only for the local area but also to serve London. Improvements to water efficiency in new homes will only partially obviate the need for this reservoir, as there are many existing homes with inefficient use of water, not only locally but in the entire Thames Valley area.

*Peter Dragonetti ([Peter.dragonetti@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:Peter.dragonetti@southoxon.gov.uk))  
SODC Councillor for Whitchurch on Thames*

# WHITCHURCH PRE-SCHOOL

## **New building update**

We have made significant progress on our new building since our last update at Easter. Thanks to the amazing Preschool committee plus Chris Bell and Lawrie Gatherum, our planning application has now been submitted! This is a huge step forward in a short space of time, so we are very grateful to those giving up their time and expertise. Hopefully, by the time this is printed, we will have planning approval.



The plan is for a new modular building (see above) with a similar footprint to the current one. This building will be both energy and space efficient, with an improved layout for the children and staff to enjoy, perfect for future generations. It will be a massive improvement on the current building, which is over 50 years old and currently has to be propped up.

As the current building will not last this winter, we are aiming to start preparations prior to October half term, completing the construction before Christmas. We are grateful to the school for supporting our plans and hope to keep making good progress in the upcoming months.

## **Funding gap**

Alongside this, we have been busy applying for grants that the Pre-School may be eligible for. We have applied for over 10 grants big and small from Morrisons to the National Lottery. Sadly, we have already been rejected from a number of these and our funding gap is approximately £70k. So we need every penny we can get.

We had visits from both the Conservative and Liberal Democrat candidates to raise the profile of our campaign. We have also been on BBC News, in the Henley Standard and on Heart FM. We are very grateful that the Parish Council can commit half of their CIL money from this year's budget (see Chairman's Update earlier in this issue of the Bulletin). Our local community has kindly donated over £3,000 through our online donation page, plus other fundraising efforts have brought in a further £3,000.

But a significant gap still remains and time is running out before we need to place an order for the new building and without this we will have to close the preschool. If you can help please get in touch at [hello@whitchurchpreschool.org](mailto:hello@whitchurchpreschool.org) to donate or go to: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/save-our-preschool>

### **Fundraising**

We are very grateful to all of you who are helping to fundraise for us. A big thank you also to Lottie and Charlotte at the Greyhound pub for hosting a charity quiz night in May, to those who donated prizes, and to the winning team who donated their prize money to our cause. Plus volunteers and bakers helping at ice cream Fridays and other activities. We must also mention a local 11-year-old girl, Amelia, who individually organised her own cake sale in support of our cause, promoted the event and made her own cakes. On her own she raised £168. Amazing!

### **Our Summer term**

We have had so much fun this summer term. Our highlights include sports week; getting active and learning new skills. We have learnt how to grow vegetables in our allotment, and discover outdoor friends at the same time. Finally, we have been preparing our school leavers for their transition to school. We can't wait for the next term to begin. Happy holidays everyone.

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# THE WHITCHURCH 2024 ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

The Whitchurch Society are very pleased to be holding this popular annual event again, in the Whitchurch Village Hall on Manor Road, on the weekend of 23rd & 24th November.

This is a 'live' format exhibition which is open for all current residents and ex-residents of Whitchurch-on-Thames, Whitchurch Hill and Goring Heath to enter. Plus children at local schools.

There are various categories – something for everyone! Our fabulous judges will be awarding cups for best exhibits in Art, in Craft, in Photography and for Film & Animation (New Media). There is also recognition for best first-time adult exhibitor and junior winners in four age groups too.

This year's theme for the special Joyce Voysey prize is 'Colours of Autumn'. You are encouraged to start thinking about how you might produce a piece of art, craft, a photo or a film which interprets this subject – but please remember that your entries for all the other classes can be on any subject whatsoever.

Details about how to enter will be available by the end of September on the village website and Facebook and look out for posters around the village later this year.

We will be hosting an Art Café in The Old Stables on Saturday 12th October to raise funds for this exhibition. We would love you to join us for a cuppa and piece of cake.

Save the dates in your diaries and get busy now with your... brushes, paints, camera, needles, glue, varnish, stamps, inks, wool, chisels, pliers, cottons, clay, pens, paper and lovely ideas.

We look forward to seeing your creations this Autumn.

**Sally Woolhouse**

# WHITCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Here are all the regular activities in the hall from September 2024:

Activity	When	Contact
Bloom Baby Mother & Baby Class	Monday mornings	Sara Jackson 07515 137113 <a href="mailto:saraj@bloombabyclasses.com">saraj@bloombabyclasses.com</a> @bloomreadingnorth on Facebook
Yoga Asana	Tuesday 18:00	Jean Cosham 07484 113401
Painting Class for Adults	Wednesday 18:00	Anya Goldberg 07578 190114 <a href="mailto:goldanfot@gmail.com">goldanfot@gmail.com</a>
Bridge Club	Wednesday 13:30 (alternate weeks)	Philippa Turner 01491 875648
WhitFit Circuit Training	Wednesday 6:30 and 9:15 Friday 9:15	Hannah Dunbar 07971 116704 <a href="mailto:hannah@coach-hannah.com">hannah@coach-hannah.com</a>
Amico Dance Academy	Saturday mornings (several classes for different ages)	Rachel Griffin 07771753088 Amico-DanceAcademy@gmail.com
Whitchurch Tap Dancers	Wednesday 10:30	Pauline Bainbridge 0118 9842504
History Society	3rd Thursday of the month 19:00 (check schedule)	Vicky Jordan 0118 984326 <a href="mailto:vickyjordan5@hotmail.com">vickyjordan5@hotmail.com</a>
Afternoon tea and cakes	2nd Thursday of the month 14:30 – 16:30	All welcome – no need to book! Next one is Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>

The Whitchurch Photographic Society has disbanded after more than 30 successful years. Thanks to Alan Copeland, John Sexton and others for running a successful club so well. Sadly, with mobile phones taking such good photos automatically, fewer people felt the need to learn photographic techniques.

## Quiz on September 7<sup>th</sup>

A quiz is planned for the evening of September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall to raise funds for improving the hall. Supper will be provided and we will have tables of six. Further details will follow but please let Adrian Dixon ([adrian@adriandixon.com](mailto:adrian@adriandixon.com)) know if you'd be interested in booking a table.



# PANGBOURNE AND WHITCHURCH SUSTAINABILITY 2024 Calendar

When	What	Where
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 10:30am	PAWS at The ART Café Art Cafe – fundraising event for PAWS <i>Volunteers needed on the day to provide cakes and run the cafe</i>	The Old Stables, Whitchurch on Thames, RG8 7DF (opposite The Ferryboat)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2pm – 4pm	Apple Pressing Day	Whitchurch Maze, Muddy Lane, Whitchurch on Thames
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Oc- tober 10am – 1pm	Pangbourne Autumn Litter Picking Day <i>Gloves, bags and litter picking sticks will be provided</i>	Pick up equipment at Chiltern walk, Pangbourne
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 8pm start	Flooding in the Pang Valley – a discussion on the context and prevention, with Peter Worsley, Professor Emeritus at the University of Reading, Kay Lacey, flood warden for Pangbourne, and Nigel Arnell, Professor of Climate System Science, University of Reading	Pangbourne Village Hall



## THE GREEN TEAM

The Green Team has been operating for over five years now, and was the result of a recommendation of the Village Plan team, and initially coordinated by Alexa Duckworth-Briggs. The organisation of the team is based on Guardians, who look after individual sites around the village and ask for working parties to assist them when required. A list of the Guardians and their areas can be found on the Green Team pages of the Whitchurch website.

In the past few months, the Green Team has held regular working parties to help maintain the Village Green, the Maze, the Polish Church Memorial Garden and the flower beds at the entrance to Walliscote Drive. Individual guardians have also been looking after their particular sites, either on their own or with the help of other volunteers.

In March, we had a litter picking day, which was part of a country-wide spring clean. This was very successful, and we are planning another litter picking day in the autumn. This will be a local Whitchurch event, rather than part of a national scheme, and we hope that lots of people will volunteer to help. We will put more details on the Whitchurch website nearer the time.

*Jill Bradon*

# **WHITCHURCH UNITED CHARITIES:**

## **Calling all students**

The Secretary of Whitchurch United Charities would like to remind all families that the Charity has funds available to help meet the costs associated with educational needs such as books, equipment or educational trips. Eligible students are young people between the ages of 5 and 25 years and whose permanent residence is within the parish of Whitchurch.

Applications are processed twice a year, with the closing dates being 31st March and 30th September. However, late applications are considered if the available funds for the previous six month period have not been fully allocated.

All applications and decisions are treated in strict confidence by the Trustees.

If you would like to know more, please do contact Sarah Dixon (our Grant Application Secretary). Contact details: telephone: 0118 984 4262, address: Flint House, Hardwick Road, Whitchurch on Thames, RG8 7HH or e-mail – [whitchchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com](mailto:whitchchurchunitedcharities@gmail.com)

*Kitty Higley*



## THE WHITE LION CRAYS POND ACV STATUS

As we have stated in a previous article in the Bulletin, the Asset of Community Value status for the White Lion Crays Pond needed a new Nomination in June this year. The Nomination process is a robust analysis of the status of the property in line with guidance included in the Localism Act of 2011 and updated by the government. South Oxfordshire District Council has approved the Nomination, and The White Lion is now listed, again, on the schedule of properties deemed to be Assets of Community Value, which is held by the council. The listing lasts for a further five years, and is, as happened last time, subject to the appeal process if initiated again by the Owner. The Owner has advised the Council he wants a review of the decision, as he did in 2019. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

So a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who are supporters and backed up your support by forwarding your statements supporting the project, and those who re-affirmed your 'In Principle Promise' of funding. We also gained New Supporters and New 'In Principle Promises' during the process and to those of you who are new to the project, *Welcome and Thank you.*

We hope that with this new period of Nomination the owner considers the offers sent to him by this group, or uses this period to construct and put forward his own plans for the White Lion as a properly funded and serious Pub/Restaurant/Café/Accommodation business.

### ***Meanwhile ...***

We can't do this without you, there is no magic money tree.

'In Principle Promises' can be made on our website under the Fundraising Page, the link is below

<https://www.savethewhitelion.com/contact>

If you want to see The White Lion property fulfil its ability to be a Pub-Restaurant -Café and centre for the community please make a 'Promise'. We can't do this without you, so join those who have already made *the Promise of Funding* dependent on the terms of the prospectus yet to be issued.

### **The Crays Pond Community Group:**

For further information please contact us on the email address below.  
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# WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH HISTORY SOCIETY

Summer sees members going on outings. Our visit to Uffington took place on a beautiful sunny day which really enhanced the downland scenery, and the White Horse could be clearly seen on the hill above. The Tom Brown's School-days museum had extensive information about the monuments in the area, the school building, and a special display about a downed World War II aircraft.

Our next stop was at "the cathedral of the vale", the enormous cruciform church in the village. After a pub lunch in Woolstone we went on to Compton Beauchamp where we found the little estate church in an idyllic spot among fields and trees.

We hope for more good weather for our visit to Goring and Streatley, when we will follow the map of the heritage trail. From Roman river crossing to railway, and Oscar Wilde to George Michael, it will be interesting to learn about our closest neighbour and compare its history with ours.

In August everyone takes a rest, but we come back together on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September to hear Mike Cooper talk about "the Defence of Reading, from Vikings to Nuclear War", venue Goring Heath Village Hall, 7pm for 7:30pm start.

The Society meets on the third Thursday of the month with lectures and member-led meetings from September to May. The membership fee is just £12 per annum and includes refreshments.

*Vicky Jordan, [vickyjordan5@hotmail.com](mailto:vickyjordan5@hotmail.com) or 0118 984 3260*

## HARDWICK HAPPENINGS

Dear Neighbours, it is with some regret that we have taken the difficult decision to end Hardwick's firewood round. After covering the cost to our Forestry business of producing the logs, our Firewood business has been making a loss for many years, and despite our best efforts, we've been unable to bring it into profit.

We want to deeply thank our Woodsman Tim Sheldon for his many years of very hard work on this element of Hardwick's business. Tim will now be redeployed to varied work across a wide range of Hardwick's activities which fit his skillset – from working on projects to deliver better ecological farm and woodland management, to utilising his many skills within the Estate's property portfolio.

We are aware that many of you have been loyal Firewood customers for many years, and we have been proud to provide you with a sustainably managed, local product. We are very sorry to have to bring this to an end and hope that you will continue to enjoy all that the Hardwick Estate has to offer.

### **In Other News**

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, Hardwick hosted 40 school students aged 13-16 from four schools at an event organised by *The Visionaries – Helping youth to live a visionary life*. Students were encouraged and inspired to expand their knowledge of the Chilterns AONB and the importance of taking a participatory approach to "nature recovery". Several workshops inspired the students to discover and develop skills, crafts and practices related to the rural economy, land management and community regeneration.

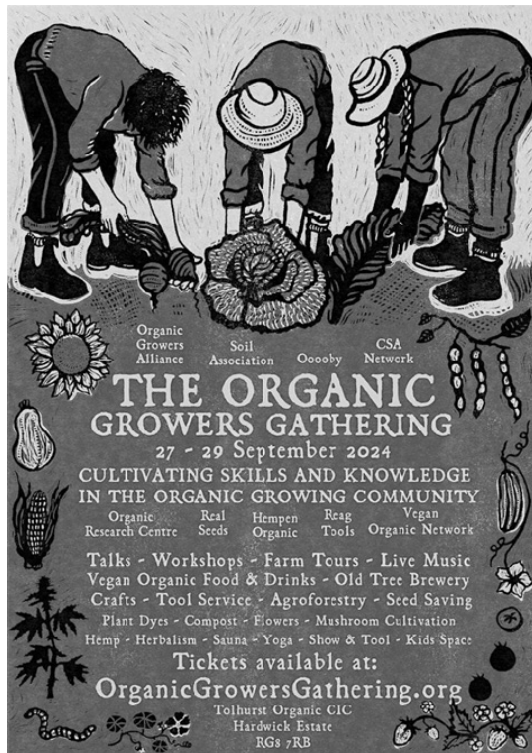
### **Lady Orchid Update**

As mentioned in a previous Bulletin, Hardwick has been awarded a Species Recovery grant by Natural England, a national project to protect and enhance rare habitats. Hardwick's woodlands are home to one of the UK's rarest orchids, and the funding received is being used to create pockets of "woodland pasture" around the Lady Orchid. We are excited to let you know that the work has

resulted in twice as many Lady Orchid plants this year than last, and in just six years, the numbers have increased from 5 to 68! A huge thank you to botanist Andy Byfield and his fabulous team of volunteers!

### Organic Growers Gathering

Last October, Hardwick hosted the Organic Growers Gathering (OGG), bringing together local land-based projects and organic growers to cultivate skills and knowledge within the organic growing community. The event was a huge success and will be held again in September.



### Pop-up Coffee Shop

The warmer months have seen the return of Dave and Zoe's Pop-Up at Lin's Veg Shed. Most Saturdays from 9am-1pm, organic, locally roasted, fresh

flowers will be available at Lin's Veg Shed at the gates to the Hardwick Estate. Follow them on Instagram: [@theorganiccoffeecart](#) to see dates.



### **Tolhurst Organic**

June saw Tolhurst Organic's annual Strawberry Fayre which was a wonderful, well-attended event, and we're very pleased to announce that the Squash & Pumpkin Festival will return on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October.





Too much veg in weekly boxes? Or from your allotment? Or maybe you are intrigued about quirky veg in your local shop? Learn how to transform essential fruit and veg into vibrant goodies, full of healthy bacteria, flavour and zest! Tolhurst are holding two upcoming hands-on workshops learning about food and (non-alcoholic) drink fermentation. Participants will learn about different starters, will get introduced to the theory of good and bad bacteria and how different home media can support our aims in fermentation. Everyone will be invited to taste various fermented fruit and veg. Practical activities will include harvesting, shredding and chopping seasonal veg and adding herbs. A sumptuous home-made lunch made with fermented and seasonal veg from the farm is included in the price.

**FERMENTATION WORKS -  
Summer Delights**

Saturday, 3rd August, 10 am - 3pm

   **Tolhurst Organic**



Hands-on workshop, feast of home-made lunch and take-away bag of freshly set to ferment produce.

 £85/person. Discounts apply.

**FERMENTATION WORKS -  
Autumn Bounty**

Saturday, 21st September, 10 am - 3pm

   **Tolhurst Organic**



Hands-on workshop, feast of home-made lunch and take-away bag of freshly set to ferment produce.

 £85/person. Discounts apply.

You can join Tolhurst Organic for a farm walk to learn more about what they do on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Book a place at: <https://www.tolhurstorganic.co.uk/events/>

### **Path Hill Adventures**

As usual, there are plenty of activities planned at Path Hill Adventures, check out their website [www.pathhilladventures.com](http://www.pathhilladventures.com) for their Woodland Women group dates, and summer holiday Wild Day bookings for kids.

They are also offering Forest Bathing experiences on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 20<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November. Join Path Hill instructors Nicky and Selina in Hardwick's beautiful beech woodland at Path Hill for a two-hour Forest Bathing experience. Immerse yourself in the forest whilst taking a gentle, meaningful walk, allowing you to open up your senses, slow down and stay in the moment. It is not a hike or nature expedition, and it is not swimming! The focus is on forming connections and relationships as you develop an appreciation for the healing power of nature. £35 per session.

*Laura Lucas*

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*Acreage – 1,320, Population – 824 (2011 census), Electors – 622*

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**WHITCHURCH SOCIETY**

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**WHITCHURCH AND GORING HEATH HISTORY SOCIETY**

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**PANGBOURNE AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB**

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**OLD STABLES ROOM**

High Street

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**WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

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**PANG VALLEY SCOUT GROUP**

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**PANGBOURNE AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

Committee Room, Pangbourne Village Hall

	Open 09:30 – 11:30am Mon–Friday	0118 9844586
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**AFC WHITCHURCH FC (ages 5–16)**

Chair	Alex Hilton	hilts123@hotmail.com or afcwhitchurch@yahoo.co.uk	
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**THAMES VALLEY POLICE**

Wallingford Police Station, Wallingford, OX10 9DW

	Non Emergency Police Number (manned 24/7)		101
Neighbourhd Supervisor	Barbara Taylor	barbara.taylor@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk	07814 485286

**PANGBOURNE LIBRARY**

Reading Road, Pangbourne, RG8 7LY

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Thursday 9:30–12:00	Friday 10:30–17:00	Saturday 10:00–12:30	

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**

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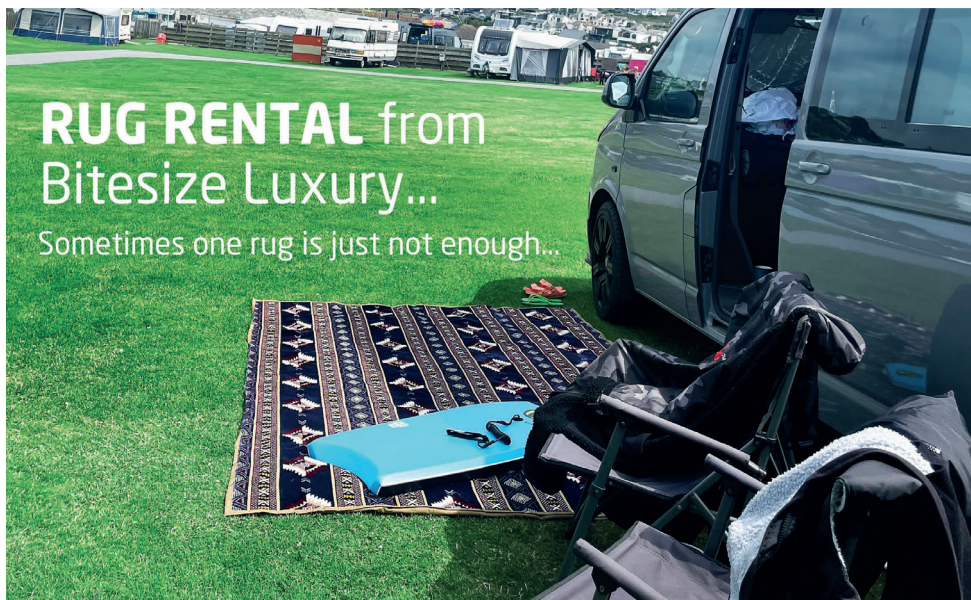
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