

WHITCHURCH-ON-THAMES BULLETIN

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WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

There was a meeting of the Parish Council on 6th January in the Village Hall. Councillor Peter Minton chaired the meeting; also present were Councillors Vincent Aldridge, Nigel Grove, Mrs Matilda King, and Mrs Kate Thatcher; District Councillor Deborah Whitfeld, County Councillor John Farrow and the Parish Clerk Janet Holmes. Apologies were received from Councillors Brian Mott and Geoff Weir.

Planning

The following decisions were received from South Oxfordshire District Council:-

PO2/SO896 Wychcotes, High St	GRANTED
PO2/SO871 Boze Down Vineyard	GRANTED

The following applications had been forwarded to the Inspector on Appeal:-
Rivendell, Hartslock Bridleway and Uplands, Hardwick Rd.

The following new applications were considered and comments sent to South Oxfordshire District Council:-

The Rectory, High St. Construction of triple carport to serve The Mill/Church Cottages. Formation of new access to rectory and blocking of existing vehicle accesses.

NO OBJECTION.

The Parish Council recommends that the gate, when blocked, be sympathetic with the current structure. We would also request that the maximum number of trees be retained thus keeping a good coverage of the area.

Bozedown Farm, Hardwick Rd, 16.460m x 7.316m sectional timber building and demolition of existing building

NO OBJECTION

The Parish Council recommends that no external lighting be used on this site.

Bozedown Farm, Hardwick Rd.	Steel framed lean-to.	NO STRONG VIEWS
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Bozedown Farm, Hardwick Rd.	Portal steel framed building.	NO STRONG VIEWS
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Elm Cottage, Hartslock Bridleway, Increase in height of roof and single storey side extension.
NO STRONG VIEWS

Rivendell, Hartslock Bridleway. Refurbishment and extension of existing bungalow
NO STRONG VIEWS

Cllr Mrs Thatcher was not present in the meeting while the applications for Elm Cottage or Rivendell were discussed

Finance

Cheques were issued to Janet Holmes for Clerk's salary, Oxford Rural Community Council for places at a Parish Plan workshop and the annual membership subscription.

Village Maintenance

Discussion took place regarding the recent flooding in Whitchurch and surrounding areas. Cllrs Grove and Weir have been in discussion with Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Water regarding how the problems in Eastfield Lane can be solved.

Transport

Thames Travel are proposing a new bus service which will allow people living in Whitchurch and working in Reading to travel by bus. There will even be a late night bus on a Saturday night- arriving in Whitchurch at approx 11.30 pm. The service will NOT run down Manor Rd and discussions are currently taking place regarding a site for a bus stop in the High St.

Contracts

It was agreed that the Council go to tender for the grass cutting contract and the printing of the Bulletin. It was also agreed that the Bulletin should not contain adverts.

Allotment Field

It has been suggested that a Saxon Maze be laid in the allotment field. The Parish Council do not own this land but rent it from the National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd. Agreed that the Clerk contact the Association and further investigate the matter for the new Council to consider next year.

Toll Bridge

A meeting of the Parish Councils with the Toll Bridge company will take place on 1 March.

The next meeting of the **Full Parish Council** will take place on **Monday 3 March 2003 in the Village Hall at 8 pm.**

Janet Holmes, Parish Clerk

From your District Councillor:

A new Housing Allocations Policy will be introduced in April. This follows consultation with 2,500 applicants and new tenants and will bring in a number of changes which include: an update of the Housing Register, a rule that transfer, rather than new applicants, will be considered first for a vacant property and also a simpler points scheme with greater importance being given to the local connections and the social needs of applicants. From January, all applicants will receive a visit from the Housing Service in order to explain the changes and to ensure that their points are assessed correctly under the scheme.

The District Council has re-designed its website (southoxon.gov.uk) and it now contains much more information: details are available on most current planning applications.

Deborah Whitfeld.

COMMUNITY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

A supervised refuse service vehicle arrives at the Village Hall car park for householders to dispose of additional waste. If you are not able to attend the Whitchurch collection then it is possible to use the service at another parish e.g. Goring, Goring Heath or Woodcote. Please note that this vehicle will only be on site for a short period of time, once a month. Any item left after the vehicle has moved to its next location will not be collected and legal action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 will be taken against any persons found to be "dumping" rubbish.

Whitchurch - located at the Village Hall Car Park

Goring Heath - located at the recreation ground lay by

	Whitchurch	Goring Heath
Wed 22 January	from 0800 to 0950	from 1020 to 1210
Sat 8 February	from 0800 to 0920	
Wed 19 February		from 0800 to 0950
Wed 19 March	from 0800 to 0950	from 1020 to 1210

Woodcote - located at the Village Hall car park

Goring - located at SODC car park or Icknield Place

	Woodcote	Goring
Sat 11 January	from 1020 to 1210	from 0800 to 0950 at Icknield
Fri 17 January	from 0800 to 0950	from 1020 to 1210 at SODC
Sat 25 January	from 1200 to 1310	from 1330 to 1500 at SODC
Sat 8 February	from 0940 to 1100	from 1150 to 1310 at Icknield
Sat 22 February	from 0940 to 1100	from 0800 to 0920 at Icknield
Sat 8 March	from 0940 to 1100	from 0800 to 0920 at SODC
Sat 22 March	from 1200 to 1310	from 0800 to 0950 at SODC

THE WHITCHURCH SOCIETY

Art and Craft Exhibition - 16 and 17 November 2002

When, hard on the heels of the 2001 Exhibition, Jean and John Spencer announced their departure for 'foreign' climes, the Society was naturally concerned for the future of the event. Our fears proved to be unfounded for, like the phoenix that rose afresh from its own ashes, a new management team emerged from the hiatus. This sub-committee under the executive chairmanship of Sally Woolhouse was given carte blanche by the Society to design, organise and operate the 2002 exhibition. The team, comprising Jill Bradon, Sarah Dixon, Peggy Gibson (Brodie), Chris Martin and (until his emigration to South Wales) Rob Williams, held 10 meetings between February and October. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank them for a superb job, one which will rank with the many successes of Joyce Voysey and Jean Spencer.

As always, there was a wonderful variety of artefacts on show – paintings, photographs, stitchwork, woodwork and models of many kinds – all created by local residents of all ages. There were also impressive displays of artwork by the pupils of the three local schools – Oratory Prep, Whitchurch Primary and the Pre-School.

The Whitchurch Cup for craftwork was awarded to Matilda King for her saucy handbag made from the top of a pair of 'Jeans'. The Orford Cup for painting was won by Tim Hardwick for a wonderful depiction of a coot on water. The CPL Cup for photography went to Lyn Haigh for a portrait in black and white. The Butterworth Cup for best first time entry was given to Mo Barker for a superb quilt which looked as if it came from the Victorian age. The Chairman's Cup was awarded to Helen Whittaker for a most detailed and fascinating needlepoint, paying tribute to the great and the good in British history.

The awards for best entries by young people were won by Rosie Close (under 7 years old), George Huntington (7-10), Hannah King (11-14) and Charles Martin (15-18). A special Commendation for Excellent Work was awarded to each of the three schools which exhibited en masse. A special prize for the best 7" x 5" photograph was awarded to Adrian Dixon for his Attenborough – like picture of a polar bear.

A new award in memory of Joyce Voysey, the founder of the Exhibition, was offered this year for the best exhibit on the theme of The Spirit of the Golden Jubilee. It was won by Evie-May Holland for her Jubilee Bird.

The cups and prizes were presented by Tony Voysey, President of the Society. Each of the major awards was accompanied by a gift donated by local organisations, for which we are grateful to Hardwick Organic Produce, Flint House, Bozdown Vineyard, Bozdown Alpacas, The Greyhound, The Ferry Boat, Castrol and the Modern Artists Gallery.

In addition to the exhibits, there were Children's Workshops making mobiles, demonstrations of computerised photography (Nick Brazil), textiles (Sarah Dixon and Chris Martin) and the management of an Alpaca herd (by kind permission of Joy Whitehead).

The Society is grateful to the judges, the exhibitors, the demonstrators and to the many residents who helped to set up and dismantle the exhibition.

Nigel Grove- Chairman

POPPY APPEAL

I would like to thank everybody who helped us complete another excellent house to house collection on behalf of the British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2002. We raised a marvellous £552 and without my regular band of willing collectors and marvellous Katie Smith who masterminds the adding up - we couldn't have done it. Thank you.

Diana Marriott

NSPCC

The Autumn House to House Collection for the NSPCC raised a total of £445.69, many thanks to all who contributed.

Jane MacCaw

The Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee is pleased to report another successful year in 2002, not least being the return of the Village Fete after the foot and mouth problems the previous year. The 2003 **Village Fete** is provisionally fixed for 6th September 2003 – look out for further details.

The Management Committee's **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Hall on Tuesday 18th February 2003 at 8.15pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity to put forward any points or questions about the Hall or the Village Fete (which is organised by a sub-group of the Hall Committee).

Finally, just a reminder that the Hall is an excellent venue for group meetings and social activities, and our hire charges are the lowest in the area. We will always do our best to meet your requirements – if you would like to see the Hall and its facilities, or would like more information about hire charges, please contact our Hall Manager Mrs Joyce Pilcher. Contact details are in the Bulletin, and also on the Hall pages at the Village website www.whitchurchonthames.com

Geoff Weir
Chairman,
Hall Management Committee

Messiah at the Falkland Islands' Memorial Chapel

The 150 voices of the combined Pangbourne Choral Society and the Pangbourne College Choir together with soloists and the Philomel Orchestra under the baton of Darren Everhart will be giving a performance of Handel's Messiah at 7:30pm on Sunday February 9th in the stunning Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel at Pangbourne College.

At this concert the Choral Society will be saying a sad farewell to its Assistant Director of Music, Rufus Frowde, who is moving on to other roles including that of Assistant Director of Music at the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace.

Many will have seen the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel recently in the BBC TV's Songs of Praise programme on Remembrance Sunday. Now is the chance for those who have not yet visited the chapel to experience this stunning and very moving building while listening to Handel's masterpiece.

There is ample free parking and easy access for any disabled visitors. Tickets: £7.50 (U-18s £1.50) from Premier Pet Store, Pangbourne High Street; on the door, or (with SAE, & cheque made out to 'PCS') by post from PCS Tickets, Swan View, 13 Shooters Hill, Pangbourne, RG8 7DZ.

Immediately following this concert the Choral Society will be starting rehearsing for their summer concert on a Coronation theme which will include Elgar's stirring Coronation Ode. The Society always welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining the choir just roll up on Tuesday February 11th in the Falkland Islands Memorial Chapel around 7:30pm. More information on membership and our concerts can be found at our web site: <http://www.pangbournechoralsociety.fsnet.co.uk>

CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES IN WHITCHURCH AREA

Thames Travel, your local bus operator, is revising the times from 10th February of all the services formerly operated by Chiltern Queens. Thames Travel stepped in at short notice in the summer to keep the services running. Now that the services have been running for several months, the opportunities for changes and improvements have become apparent.

choice school need to complete a preference card, which will be available from the school in about a fortnight and return it to us by Friday 7th March at the latest to be considered. If anyone is intending to request a place but has not yet met the headteacher please contact the school office, 0118 9842347 without delay so we are sure you get the booklet you need.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Pearl Slatter to the Governing Body of Whitchurch Primary School during last term. Pearl came forward to offer her services to the Governing Body some time ago following our article in the Whitchurch Bulletin. She was then nominated by the local councillor to take a place on the Body from September. Pearl who many of you will know for her energy and enthusiasm has been warmly welcomed by us all and now is the chair of governors. We are most fortunate to have found in Pearl a member of the community with time and commitment on offer to the school. An added bonus as well being that she had experience as a governor too. From time to time we do have vacancies for governors and for some positions we are able to welcome those from the community. Do let us know if you might like to know more about such an opportunity.

Currently we are in a period of consultation with the community to consider trying to create a nursery class to be known as an Early Years Unit here at Whitchurch School. As well as the thriving school and Pre school that we have in our village we believe we may be missing the opportunity to offer nursery provision to all our local children when they are four. We also know that it is not always possible to start the three year olds off in the Pre-school exactly on the days preferred due to a lack of vacancies. If there is sufficient interest in such a provision it may be possible to run it here in the village. It seems a shame that villagers are travelling away from the village to get to such a class at present. We will have more to report on this possibility in the next issue of the bulletin but in the meantime Pre-school do need to hear from you if you would like to take up places so we can see if there is sufficient interest.

We are also just waiting for the ground to thaw out a bit so that we can start to develop an outdoor classroom area for the youngest children to play in. We are developing playground and environmental areas especially for the children aged 3 to 5. This is a really exciting time for the little people in our community so do keep an eye on what is happening when you do a village walk. Please also make sure we know of all those of you who are out there wanting places either at school or Pre-school so we know if we can go ahead with the new plans and offer the village children even more.

We all send you our best wishes for the New Year.

Penny Smith

MARGOT ROBERTSON 1917-2002

Anyone who was a pupil at Whitchurch Primary School in the late 60's to early 70's will remember Margot Robertson, who taught here for ten years, and always remembered the generation of children she taught with great pleasure. Sadly, she has now passed on and will be greatly missed by many.

Keep Fit by Tapping!

Have you every done tap dancing, perhaps as a child? Or long to try it?

Would you like to do it to Keep Fit and have fun at the same time?

Join a small, happy, adult Keep Fit class who enjoy a laugh as well as tap exercise. Renew your tapping skills, or learn a few new movements in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Do join us every Tuesday at Whitchurch Village Hall – 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For further details contact Barbara George on 01491 681755

Or just come along to the first class next term – **Tuesday 21st January, 2003.**



The Pre School is looking forward to welcoming all of the new children who are joining after Christmas, numbers are continuing to rise. If you would like more information on sessions that may be available, please telephone Helen on 0118 984 4516 during school hours.

WADS Pantomime 2003

“Beauty & the Beast”

by

Eric Fowler

produced by Peter Saunders

Friday 24th Jan 7.30pm. Saturday 25th Jan 2.15pm & 7.30pm

Friday 31st Jan 7.30pm. Saturday 1st Feb 2.15pm & 7.30pm

Woodcote Village Hall

Beauty and the Beast is one of the world's oldest and most popular fairy tales.

A Father who has lost his way finds shelter in the castle of a Beast. Before leaving he plucks a rose from the castle garden which he promised to his younger daughter – Beauty. The Beast threatens him with death..... unless the Father sends his daughter to the Beast.

WADS presents this traditional storyadapted to delightful pantomime including comedy routines, Bodgit the Builder, Bertie Boots, Dame Bagwash etc.

“Oh no you won't !” “Oh yes we will !!!”

Box Office opens 4th January – 01491 680494

Tickets £5.00 & concessions £4.00 (not Saturday evening)

GORING HEATH PARISH CHARITY

SPRING GARDENING SHOW

Will be held in the Goring Heath Parish Hall on Easter Monday April 21st. Schedules should be available at the end of this month.

SID KIPPER'S PARISH PUMP SHOW

IS COMING TO

**Goring Heath Village Hall,
On Friday 31st January at 7.30pm**

Ticket Information; 0118 984 2056

Come and enjoy a hilarious evening with Sid Kipper, the singing story-teller from the Norfolk village of St Just-near-Trunch!

Audiences are soon at their ease as Sid weaves his magical web of life in what must surely be the strangest village in the land. Songs and stories are interspersed with the latest gossip from Trunch!

Theresa Elsome

LANGTREE NEWS

A long and eventful term has come to an end and we are able to look back in celebration on some very significant successes. Our recent musical, "Little Shop of Horrors" was a huge success. It was the most ambitious venture of this kind we have undertaken and we are delighted with the outcome. The Headteacher said in the school newsletter, "The standard was the highest I have seen in 25 years of teaching in schools". In all, over one-third of the student population was involved either on stage or behind the scenes. Another important feature was the collaboration between Music, Drama and Art departments which ensured that we were able to add to the proven quality of our music, professional acting skills and a set and special effects which would have drawn applause in any theatre. All this augurs well for our bid to achieve Performing Arts status.

Our second main achievement, no less important than the first, was to become County champions in a sporting competition. Our under-16 girls football team defeated Cherwell School in the final by 2-1 having defeated three other schools on the way to the final. Although an under-16 team, our girls ranged from ages 13-16. In the final the match went to extra time before we won the cup when Anna Smith score a "golden goal". This was a terrific achievement for Langtree especially as the other schools we played are much larger.

Thirdly, just to show we are not only successful in extra-curricular activities, we have an academic success to celebrate. Our current Y10 at the end of Y9 achieved the best Key

Stage 3 results in Mathematics in Oxfordshire. As a reward we have organised an ice-skating trip for the whole year in the Spring Term.

News in Brief

- Four of our students have been selected to go to Thailand for the World Scout Jamboree in December/January
- Four students have undergone training as part of the Peer Drugs initiative. They are now able to provide information through role plays and other activities about the dangers of taking drugs
- GNVQ Art and Design students produced the plants and fluorescent insects for the musical. This project will be assessed as part of the GNVQ coursework
- We raised £520 for Children in Need and sent 80 shoeboxes to the “Samaritan Purse Appeal”
- Our Harvest Festival produce was donated to the Sue Ryder home at Nettlebed
- Two theatre trips have taken place, “A Winters Tale” at RSC and “Blood Brothers” in the West End
- Y10 and Y11 History students went to London to visit the London Dungeon and to go on the “Jack the Ripper Trail” in Whitechapel. Jack the Ripper is the topic for one of the GCSE coursework assignments.

AGE CONCERN OXFORDSHIRE

A Few More Points From Age Concern:

Age Concern’s Information System contains wide and varied information on many aspects affecting older peoples’ lives, both locally and nationally – on topics ranging from non-residential care, benefit entitlement and housing through to repairs and mobile hairdressers. For information call them on 01235 849400.

Cowboy Traders Trading Standards have set up a Quality Mark scheme for traders. To receive this quality mark tradesmen such as builders, electricians and plumbers have to show that they meet certain criteria, including supervision, quality of work, finance etc. Customers also get a six-year warranty for labour and parts. For more information or to find a Quality Marked tradesman phone 0845 300 8040 or log onto www.qualitymark.org.uk.

Help with Insulation Costs Many utility providers have schemes to provide free loft and cavity wall insulation for the over 60’s. For further information contact the Thames Valley Advice centre on 0800 028 2855.

Care Allowance From last October carers over the age of 65 can also apply for Care Allowance if they are looking after someone who is receiving disability benefits. Phone our helpline – 01235 849400 – for further information.

Alison Michael, Age Concern Local Link

PURLEY PARK TRUST

(A Charitable Trust Providing Care for Adults with a Learning Disability)
Hazel Road, Purley-on-Thames, Reading RG8 8HU

urgently require

VOLUNTEERS

to work part-time in the appeal office

Purley Park Trust is currently embarking upon a Project to raise £2.5m. for new replacement accommodation. We are seeking the help of four key volunteers to help us run this working in a friendly office. Full training and support, where necessary, will be provided to enable you to help us with this very important appeal.

The work includes research through reference/research books; general administration to include recording of researched information, log books, filing; database input and retrieval; general typing of letter, memos; telephone work.

The volunteers will be working together as a team in the Appeal Office based at Purley Park Trust. Hours are flexible, a minimum of one day a week. We will give you full training, help and support. Basic agreed travel expenses will be paid by arrangement.
For further information please contact—

Quentin Webb. Tel: 0118 9421661 or Fax 0118 942 1771

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Food Directory

A new edition of The Oxfordshire Food Directory is now available. The Directory is an invaluable source of information about local food producers in Oxfordshire. You can find everything from pork to potatoes, farmhouse cheese to flour!

Get a free copy by sending an A5 sized SAE to: The Oxfordshire Food Group, School of Planning, Brookes University, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0BP. For more information about the Food Group and links to related sites go to www.oxfordshirelocalfood.info

Stop Junk Mail – Leave the Paper on the Trees

Residents in Oxfordshire can rid themselves of unsolicited junk mail thanks to a scheme pioneered by Oxfordshire County Council.

500,000 tonnes of junk mail is thrust through peoples' doors in the UK every year. Most of it ends up in the bin and therefore goes to landfill. It is one of the commonest gripes by Oxfordshire's residents that they don't want all this junk. However, you can now help to reduce the rubbish going to landfill by contacting the Junk Mail Hotline on **01865 816070** and requesting a copy of their junk mail package. It provides a range of solutions, including taking your name off junk mail databases, stopping the delivery of random junk mail and ensuring that companies stop sending you unsolicited mail.

Adopt-a-Gardener Scheme

Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to support your local school by developing/maintaining their grounds. If so, then Emma Murray, the Schools Sustainability Officer at the County Council would like to hear from you. She is trying to match interested volunteers with local schools.

Emma can be contacted on 01993 350458 or by e-mail emma@twohillend.fsnet.co.uk

News from the CAG Project in Oxfordshire

The Community Action Group (CAG) project can help local communities reduce their rubbish and has now been running since early 2002. Several new groups have been created and activities have ranged from junk swaps to garden waste shredding, tool collections and furniture recycling. With waste reduction and recycling targets becoming ever more strict local communities can play their part by setting up groups and implementing rubbish-reducing initiatives. Funding is available and there are added benefits for group members in the form of new skills, new friends and added input into the community.

For further information contact Kate Aydin, CAG Development Officer on 01865 815959 or e-mail kate.aydin@oxfordshire.gov.uk

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

The last two Sunday afternoons have been brilliant, with full courts and sunny weather. We have welcomed two new members in recent weeks, and hope that anyone new to the village who is interested, will consider joining this year, plus those of you who have thought about it, but not quite got round to doing so. There are several categories of membership, with special encouragement for families or juniors to join.

We have three excellent quality hard courts in the Recreation Ground in Pangbourne. A Sports Pavilion is available to members and visiting teams, and there is car parking at the far end. The courts are also available for hire, at £4 per hour, payable to 36 Thames Avenue (enclosed in envelope please).

Details of the summer programme will be given in the next issue. These will include tournaments, junior coaching and social events. In the meantime, if you would like to know more, please contact Sandra on 07967 585681.

Lesley Crimp

WALKS

Our Editor has asked me to produce a few walks for you to read and consider walking. But she has asked me to keep them short (and I am sure she means that I should reduce the number of words as well as the distances involved). So whenever she has the space she will introduce you to some new walks and some variations on old themes.

Walk 4: Another local walk, this time to Nuney Green (3 miles - just over 1 hour)

Let's park at a pub again, this time opposite the King Charles' Head on the back road from Goring Heath to Reading. Walk back towards Whitchurch for a few yards, then enter the woodland on your right (there is a bridleway sign). Take the right fork as you enter – this is a well-used bridleway; follow it as it wanders through Gutteridge's Wood (there are a few indistinct way-mark arrows on the trees). The path dips and then rises to meet another fork; again take the right fork and you will shortly meet the road running into the hamlet of Nuney Green.

Turn left and enjoy this out-of-the-way spot, enter the hamlet past a few houses and then at a crossroads of paths and roads turn right. Almost immediately you will see a narrow footpath on your right (marked M1 - 1½ miles to Mapledurham). Turn right and follow the path as it leads you pleasantly by the side of the nearby gardens and eventually to a broken stile, go over and straight ahead up a rather indistinct path to another stile and back to the road to Reading. Cross over the road with care and bearing slightly right take the footpath on the other side that leads you up past the farm buildings at Whittles Farm. Go straight ahead and as the path flattens and starts to bend left keep your eyes open for a stile on your right leading into the fields above Bottom Farm at Mapledurham. Cross over and follow the left hand hedge to drop down the hillside to another stile and to meet the bridle path at the bottom.

Turn right and follow this broad track into Bottom Wood. The bridleway takes you through the wood; there are recently fallen trees obstructing the path so just ensure that you keep to the valley floor. You will emerge into a clearing with a number of paths, yours is to your right where there appear to be two footpaths, take the left fork of this pair up a laurel lined gully which rises through Hollycopse to emerge at Collins End by Hollycopse Cottage. The house on your left was once the King Charles' Head pub and King Charles came from Reading to play bowls here probably using the bridleway you have just walked along.

Follow the road ahead past Briar Cottage and at the next crossing of paths turn right towards the side of the lovely setting of Rose Cottage. Pass by and enter the field alongside through a narrow squeeze stile. Follow the right hand hedge to another stile on your right, cross over and turn left and walk to the final stile in the hedge opposite and you will emerge on the Reading road opposite the King Charles' Head and almost by the side of your parked car.

Eric Hartley

WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB

Our meetings in February start on Wednesday, 5th Feb when we will have a 3 way Print and Slide Battle with visiting guests from the Witney and Sutton Courtenay Camera Clubs. The judge for the evening will be Rod Bird ARPS from Maidenhead.

One week later sees our annual Enprint Competition which, once again, is kindly sponsored by Jessops.

The third meeting this month takes place on the 19th February when Chris Palmer ARPS APAGB DPAGB demonstrates the standards needed to qualify for awards from the Royal Photographic Society in a presentation titled With Distinction.

The month ends on the 26th with a lighted hearted quiz hosted by Club member Graham Piper which he has called "So you think you know the area."

Our meetings in March include three competitions, an evening of Stereo photography when we all wear funny glasses and look at 3-D slides and a teach-in looking at Digital Imaging Techniques.

We meet every Wednesday evening at the Village Hall, Whitchurch-on-Thames starting at 8pm.

If you own a camera and enjoy taking photographs, come along and see us.

Further information and a copy of our full Programme are available on our website: www.whitchurchhillcc.co.uk or from Alan Copeland on (01491) 681471. Copies are also available at Pangbourne Library.

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no later than Wednesday 8th March 2003.