

# WHITCHURCH-ON-THAMES BULLETIN

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## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on 3 July 2000 in the Village Hall. In attendance were Councillors Vincent Aldridge, Peter Minton, Brian Mott, John Spencer, and Geoff Weir together with the Parish Clerk Janet Holmes and District Councillor Deborah Whitfeld and County Councillor John Farrow. Apologies were received from Councillor Grove. A number of parishioners were also present.

The minutes of the meetings of 15 May and 5 June were accepted. There were no major matters arising from these minutes.

The Chairman reminded members that there was a vacancy on the Council following the resignation of Philip Wellesley-Davies and that, having gone through the formal procedures of notification, the Council could co-opt. He proposed that Mrs Carol Porter be co-opted to fill the vacancy and this was unanimously agreed. Mrs Porter was unable to be at the meeting but will join the Council at the next one.

## **Planning**

### **Decision Notices**

P00/SO033	Sheepwash Lane, Hardwick Estate - pole barn	GRANTED
P00/SO290	Ebony, Old Gardens - detached office building	GRANTED
P00/SO305	Tanglewood High Street - extension to rear	GRANTED
P00/SO334	21 Swanston Field - extension to rear	GRANTED
P00/SO366/LB	3 Whitchurch House, High Street - replace door frame and windows	GRANTED

### **Plans received**

P99/SO966 Land between Woodlands and Hannington Eastfield Lane (amendment to application) - insert Velux windows in roof space

OBJECTION

*(The Council continues to object since the application is seen as a gross over-development of the site)*

P00/SO434 Esk Cottage, High Street - replace roof and alterations to outhouse

NO STRONG VIEWS

P00/SO443 Riversdale, Eastfield Lane - demolish bungalow and erect 2-storey dwelling

NO STRONG VIEWS

*(The Council added a comment that it was felt that the proposed house was too high in relation to its neighbours)*

P00/SO470 The Baulk, Path Hill - 3 bay garage with playroom over

NO STRONG VIEWS

The Council was notified that WARRINGAH, Eastfield Lane has been renamed SAXON SHAW.

### **Finance**

The following cheques were agreed for payment: L R Stacey for repairs to St Mary's Church clock, the Council having agreed to make a contribution to the total cost; OALC, annual subscription; Office World for a copier/printer; River Thames Society annual subscription; Weavers, June grass cutting; and Janet Holmes for salary and expenses.

The future of the United Charities was considered and it was agreed that the Chairman present a report to the next full meeting for consideration of the present position and possible changes for the future. The Chairman was appointed to join the Board of Trustees.

### **General Matters**

During his report, County Councillor Farrow asked to be notified of any road defects (such as the holes we have had in the recent past, now mostly filled, thank goodness). He suggested that people should contact him direct. On the subject of the promised resurfacing of Hardwick Road, he undertook to find out what the position is and let the Clerk know.

**Next meeting:** The next full meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 11 September** at the Village Hall, starting at 8pm.

All parishioners are welcome at our meetings, the agendas can always be seen prior to the meetings on the Parish Council notice board.

*Peter Minton*

### **FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

More than half of those who responded to the Council's Consultation on the proposed changes to Local Government were in favour of having a Leader with Cabinet. The Council had adopted this option and the detailed arrangements are now being considered. No further public consultation on the final format will take place until the Local Government Bill has been enacted, since the Government may make further amendments which must be taken into account. The final consultation is now likely to be in early September with the new form of Executive in place by May of next year.

*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

	<b>Whitchurch</b>	<b>Goring Heath</b>
27 July	from 0800 to 1045	from 1115 to 1400
24 August	from 0800 to 1045	from 1115 to 1400
21 September	from 1115 to 1400	from 0800 to 1045

Woodcote - located at the Village Hall car park

Goring - located at SODC car park or Icknield Place

	<b>Woodcote</b>	<b>Goring</b>
25 July	from 0800 to 1045	from 0800 to 1045 at SODC
29 July	from 0800 to 1200	from 0800 to 1200 at Icknield
8 August	from 0800 to 1045	from 0800 to 1045 at Icknield
12 August	from 0800 to 1200	from 0800 to 1200 at SODC
22 August	from 0800 to 1045	from 0800 to 1045 at SODC
26 August	from 0800 to 1200	from 0800 to 1200 at Icknield
30 August	from 1115 to 1400	
5 September	from 1115 to 1400	from 0800 to 1045 at Icknield
9 September	from 0800 to 0950	from 1010 to 1200 at SODC
19 September	from 0800 to 1045	
23 September	from 0800 to 1200	from 0800 to 1200 at SODC

## **THE VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

Plans for the Village Fete, to be held at Walliscote Farm (off the High Street) are now well advanced, and this year's event promises to be one of the best ever. We have been fortunate in being able to book a Fairground Organ and arena displays. There will also be some new attractions as well as the old favourites.

The money raised at the Fete will be shared between the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council, for our local churches of St. Mary's and St John's.

Donations of the following items would be much appreciated:

**BOOKS for the book stall** - call John Bradon at Rylands, Eastfield lane on 984 5487

**CAKES for the cake stall** - call Glad Cooke at 2 Eastfield Lane on 984 4617 or 984 3303

**CD's DVD's TAPES, CASSETTES, VIDEOS for the Hi-Tech stall**  
call Philip Weir at Wells House, Eastfield Lane on 984 4172

**Bottles for the Tombola and saleable bric-a-brac** are also needed. Please look out for notices giving details of delivery arrangements.

***If you are able to help in any way, please contact myself or Geoff Weir, the Fete Committee Chairman, on 984 4172***

*Roy Rosekilly, Secretary Fete Committee  
984 3080*

## **WHITCHURCH SOCIETY**

**The Annual Garden Walks** on Sunday 11 June was again a most enjoyable and memorable event. There were four gardens open for the first time together with several old favourites. All were in superb condition thanks to the early Spring rain and the lovely summer's day. More than a hundred members and their guests plus many children came for tea at The White House where there was a tremendous village community atmosphere.

Our thanks to the garden owners, to Neil and Matilda King for the use of their kitchen and terrace, and to all who helped to serve the tea and cakes.

*Nigel Grove*

## **News from Whitchurch Primary School**

It hardly seems possible that another academic year is drawing to a close. We send our best wishes to all our leavers as they prepare for life in their new secondary schools.

A highlight for the older children this term has been our appearance at the Langtree Partnership of Schools Music Concert. This is an annual event that we always look forward to but this year we were all invited to perform at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading. This was a very special opportunity for us all.

**Class 1 had a lovely trip to The London Aquarium** as part of their topic work on water. **Class 2 dressed up in their Victorian school clothes** and went to Katesgrove School for an afternoon of school 100 years ago. **Class 3's topic this term is about the weather** so the lack of real summer could well be down to them.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes while I was away from school. In particular I would like to thank all the staff for the excellent care they have taken of everything while I was ill. In particular I would like to thank Jane Chambers who accepted the responsibility for the school in my absence, leading the staff team and ensuring that the children had all the usual opportunities.

We now all have our fingers crossed for a bit more sunshine for the holidays. We re-open for **the new school year on Wednesday 6 September**.

*Penelope Smith*

## **WHITCHURCH PRE-SCHOOL GROUP - "learning through play"**

The children have spent the first four weeks of this half term learning the shape, sound and formation of the letters of the alphabet and have been busy drawing objects incorporating letters and practising writing the letters themselves. The "letter tree" is laden with various letters of the alphabet written by the children.

*Whitchurch pre-school / continued ...*

Although the weather has been a little inclement we have managed to practise for our sports day and most importantly the rain stayed away on the big day and it was a great success. As well as the usual running races, we included a hat race and a hula hoops obstacle race and it was good to see many of the mums and dads participating in the parents race.

In addition, the children will learn about the numbers one to ten in the final week of the term.

*If you would like to know more about Whitchurch Pre-School Group, please contact Ute Heinlein on 984 1493 or call the Pre-School direct on 984 4516.*

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## **QUIZ EVENING**

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER  
7.30 PM FOR 8.00 PM

ΑΤ ΩΗΙΤΧΗΥΡΧΗ ΠΡΙΜΑΡΨ ΣΧΗΟΟΛ, ΕΑΣΤΦΙΕΛΔ ΛΑΝΕ, ΩΗΙΤΧΗΥΡΧΗ.

Following the success of last year's quiz evening we are organising a repeat event for this autumn. Proceeds will go towards providing new computers and Internet facilities for the school. The cost of entering a team of 6 people will be £24 to include a hot supper. There will also be a licensed bar and an organised raffle.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and also to the team with the most apt and amusing name!

*As numbers may have to be restricted, we may have to operate on a "first come first served" basis so do register early to avoid disappointment by*

***contacting Olwen Grant on 984 3315***

## **THE ANCIENT PARISH OF WHITCHURCH HISTORY SOCIETY**

The tour of the land adjoining the castle mound at Wallingford proved to be quite an undertaking as we traversed the thistles - but it was a beautiful evening made most interesting by Dr Stephen Head's explanation as to the work planned. Due to be managed as a preserved area it will be made easier to access by the public and really is to be recommended as delightful unspoilt river meadowland. Our second visit was to our nextdoor neighbour - St James the Less in Pangbourne where Martin Lisk and his bell ringing colleague guided us around the church. Again a most informative and enjoyable evening.

July sees us back indoors with a members evening to discuss the Exhibition to be held in November. Members will be encouraged to bring along a twentieth century object to discuss in relation to its historical significance. We are talking 'collectables' but today's things quickly become 'history'! We hope to bring the **Millennium Exhibition** right up to 2000 - so what better way to get us all thinking about what to include.

Look out for us at Whitchurch Fete on Saturday 9 September where we hope to have copies of our new book of memoirs for sale. Following the August break we will be meeting 'up the hill' on Thursday 21 September for a talk by Dr Judith Hunter on '**The History of the Bath Road**' at 8pm in Goring Heath Parish Hall.

*Antonia Wellesley-Davies, Secretary*

## **WHITCHURCH & GORING HEATH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

### ***The Boules Evening***

This annual event will take place as usual at 8 Swanston Field, Whitchurch, starting around 7 pm on the evening of Friday 28 July. This is a fun (and fund-raising) evening for both adults and children, featuring the lawn version of the classic French game of Pétanque.

Details will be posted and circulated closer to the time.

*Ian Bruce, Chairman*

## Reflections - 40 years on .....

Following a two-year working stint in the States, a new job brought us to Pangbourne in the Spring of 1958. Our intention was to find a site and build a house. By September a bare plot of just under half-an-acre in Hardwick Road, price £750, was ours.

The building process was slow and tortuous, due to a hopelessly inefficient builder, but when our timber-framed house finally went up it looked so strange and unusual in its embryonic stage that the 'locals' stopped to stare and wonder. We were always grateful to the local bobby from Crays Pond who, on his bike, regularly patrolled the village and kept a watchful eye on our unguarded materials. We finally managed to move in, by now with two small daughters, on 22 March 1960.

Whitchurch then was a very different village from Whitchurch 2000. Although plans for the development of Swanston Field were approved, the site was still a field, a mass of cowslips in the spring where the Pemberton girls' horses grazed.. Hillside was a large and imposing Edwardian house with a beautiful garden stretching as far as Flint House on the west side and Underwood on the east. In the sixties the house was demolished and the first part of the development began, the two-storeys. The first builder went bankrupt, the site came to a halt, and the second phase, the three-storeys, was finished later with another builder. They had considerable trouble with the retaining wall which, at first, wasn't strong enough to contain the earth, so bulged and cracked.

In the early sixties Eastfield Lane was virtually single track, very often water-logged, with a fine, well-kept Bowling Green, well used in our early years here. There were few properties in Eastfield Lane, some simple cottages and summer bungalows. Eastfield House was already established as a Residential Home for the elderly, under the care of Mrs Pemberton. The village hall, an old scout hut, was opposite Brookside (formerly Langtree Close) and there really was a brook, with plenty of aquatic life. There were always flooding problems in Eastfield Lane and Muddy Path was just that.

The High Street hasn't changed a great deal, apart from infilling in obvious gaps. Manor Road has changed. During the war the Americans had built a camp for their troops and this was subsequently used to house a group of Polish ex-soldiers and their families. In the fifties the Council acquired a beautiful site with a view of the River, demolished the camp and built 100 or so houses and bungalows, which are mostly now privately owned. A number of Polish families stayed on, a valuable contribution to village life. One of the pre-fabricated buildings was left and eventually became our village hall. The scout hut was demolished.

The village shop and Post Office, Sellwoods, was a thriving business and a good clearing house for news and gossip. It changed hands several times after the Whites and Bob, their assistant,

departed and it eventually closed after over a hundred years' trading. At the same time we had milk delivered daily, bread two or three times a week, fruit and vegetables and fish twice a week, and for a short time the Co-op delivered meat. None of the vans had refrigeration. From Pangbourne groceries and meat were delivered, as and when, which all made life easier for me, now with three small children under five.

As Swanston Field developed with the arrival of young families I voiced the idea of a Nursery School, and my friend from Langtree Close and I (probably in 1962) started the playgroup which is now housed in its fine new building in the school grounds. With no suitable premises we moved from house to house, until the present village hall was deemed to be suitable by the local authority. Up until this time the older children were bussed to Woodcote to school but after a great deal of hard work by Whitchurch parents the local authority eventually built the village school in Eastfield Lane in 1966. When my son started there in 1969 there were well over 100 pupils. The numbers have fluctuated a little but have generally remained healthy and the school performs very well in the League Tables. (*See John Bradon's report on the recent OFSTED inspectors in the last issue of the Bulletin*).

With a large number of enthusiastic people joining the community various organisations soon followed, including the W.I., the Whitchurch Society (Peter thinks he is the only surviving member of the first committee), the Riparians (so named by Eileen Noble in a competition). More were to follow and, of course, many joined the Young Wives and Mothers' Union. For years Lady Rose ran the Girl Guides, and Mrs Davies and Mrs Preston did a marvellous job with the Brownies. The W.I., with Mollie Coglan (of SouthWinds) at the helm, was flourishing and innovative, with regular fund raising activities which usually involved us all dressing up. In the early 60's my resolution concerning cervical smears went to the Albert Hall and was adopted.

The Cricket Club was a flourishing part of village life and has been since 1898. Its teas were famous throughout the area, mainly due to Peggy Ball of Primrose Cottage. For some years Peter coached the youngsters once week. Our son also played, and on a few occasions brought a team from London to play the Whitchurch team.

The Nobles, who then lived in Thames Bank, were often hosts at music and poetry evenings, which were always a huge success, and they threw open their beautiful music room to many other events.

Peter was co-opted onto the Parish Council very soon after our arrival by Daphne Lady Rose (Sir Julian's grandmother) and enjoyed several years of local politics. There have been four rectors in our time in the village, all with large families, except for Mr. Naylor who was a batchelor. They have all tried, in their different ways, to interest their parishioners in church activities. Mrs Walmsley organised and ran a Sunday School group and a group for older children called The Adventurers.

The 6d. charge for cars to cross the toll bridge was expensive and it was not unusual to choose to go to Reading 'the back way' to avoid the toll. In 1960 6d. could buy some stamps, a newspaper, bars of chocolate, a few 'phone calls and much more. When crossing the Toll Bridge by car to catch a train one would always hope not encounter Geoff Aldridge single-handedly taking his herd of cattle (1/2d. a hoof) to graze in Pangbourne meadows (especially if the car had just been washed).

In the sixties and seventies our children were completely free to roam the village without parental worry. I don't ever remember taking our son to school or picking him up, but did implore him to be home before dark. The river was out-of-bounds, but not much else. The Hillside retaining wall was regularly used for tennis.

We're now moving on. Not far, and we can't expect another 40 years. We have been very fortunate to have raised our children in such an environment and to have lived within such a happy community, which to our children now seems like a time warp.

*Sonia Wakely*

## **PANGBOURNE TENNIS CLUB**

Despite a wet and chilly summer so far, the tennis season has got off to a good start with both good evening and Sunday afternoon games. We have new members who play regularly with us, and we hope to pick up a few more as the season continues. Wimbledon tennis was very inspiring to watch this year, and most clubs hope for a surge of activity as a result, Pangbourne included.

Students back from University or junior players who are at boarding school during the term may not know full details about the club, and we should be delighted to welcome your membership.

### **The Tennis Club web site is now live!**

Please visit it at [w.w.pangbournetennis.org.uk](http://w.w.pangbournetennis.org.uk) and if you have any ideas to improve it please email them to [pangtennis@ukgateway.net](mailto:pangtennis@ukgateway.net). The web site contains news about the club, junior activities, social events and a useful reference list of all the seasons match fixtures.

Contact telephone numbers for membership are printed on the cover of the Bulletin.

*Lesley Crimp*

## **PANGBOURNE AND DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB**

So Pangbourne Triples Day is over and a lot of bowlers from around the County have had a lot of fun - mind you at the Green it has been a lot of work! It all started at 6.30 when Ray and Jack arrived to find that some morons - if I could think of a more apt name I'd use it! - had broken down the box hedge, and with the aid of a long iron spike had run amok over the Green, spiking up long deep strips of the lush grassy surface. What makes people behave like it? They can't benefit other than a desire for sheer wanton vandalism. The police were called, but couldn't help! It was probably due to the drunken element who congregated around the children's play area on the night of the Pangbourne Fair. Sorry, if I've let off steam, can only say I'm glad you couldn't read my thoughts when the damage was discovered - they'd have to be printed on asbestos!

But to return to happy things - the Triples Day. Lovely weather, just enough sunshine to keep everyone happy. Very good it was too! Joyce Selby and her team did wonders with the catering and Maureen Sessions not only went around the whole village of Pangbourne collecting raffle prizes (for which many thanks to all those who donated so generously) but she also sold over £200 of tickets on the day. Well done ladies!

This year's champions were Didcot, skipped by Jim Moore, who, in the final beat Three Mile Cross, skipped by Royston Richardson who came up from Lyminster with his wife for the day. By about four o'clock we were able to say "you've brought the sun up with you!".

It has not been a very successful competitive year for the Club, but we have been fortunate enough to get a fours and a pairs team through to the last stage of our County Group. Just at the present we cannot raise really competitive teams, but we can ensure that not only is every bowler given a chance to play in Club games but is also selected to take part in friendly matches throughout the area.

Congratulations must be given to Ray May and Ray Docherty in getting their Indoors County Colts badge. For Ray Docherty in particular this is a great achievement as he has only been playing bowls for just over three years.

Thank goodness the season still has a couple months to run - it will allow the rest of us a chance to brush up and improve on our game. Having recently been beaten hollow by Whitchurch's Roy Rosekilly I'm determined to get my own back later in the season! If only .....

*Bill Ayling, Secretary*

## *Millennium Flower Festival at St John's Whitchurch Hill*

The Flower Festival centred on St John's Day, 25 June and was a great success, both in providing visitors with a visual feast in every corner, arch and ledge of the church, and in raising funds for the newly-established Friends of St John's. A concert given by the Phoenix Singers on Saturday evening was delightful, the church full to capacity, and the music enhanced by the scent of lilies and the wonderful colour around us. Many enjoyed the lunches and refreshments in the Parish Hall opposite all through the weekend. Congratulations to Ingrid Dreweatt and her team of numerous flower arrangers for giving the three hundred and more visitors so much pleasure, not to mention the christening parties who were delighted by the unexpectedly lush appearance of the font. A splendid sum of nearly £1,000 has been handed to the Friends, and will enable their work to begin in good heart.

Use of the churchyard at St John's is shared by all residents of Whitchurch, and the two churches, St Mary's and St John's, at present jointly serve the parish; anyone from down the hill who would like to join the Friends will be warmly welcomed. There is a modest subscription of £5 a year, and at least two Newsletters will keep you informed of events and progress. Early plans are to address a number of smallish but crucial maintenance problems, to run two working parties, on 5 and 12 August to attack the long grass and other jobs in the churchyard, and to research the replacement of well-worn hassocks. Of course the church essentially remains the responsibility of the Rector and the PCC, and major problems will not be tackled by the Friends, however, much needs to be done to keep things in good order, and we already have sixty-five members who have shown their support and concurrence by joining!

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard preparing and staging the Flower Festival. Your skill has been much appreciated and well rewarded.

*To join the Friends of St John's  
please call Jo Adams on 984 3362 or Kate Giles on 984 1590*

### **WHITCHURCH HILL CAMERA CLUB**

Our new Season will commence on Wednesday 13 September when we shall be delighted to welcome you to our Club. If you want an advance copy of our Programme before then, get in touch with our Chairman, Alan Copeland, on (01491) 681471. If you have Internet access, send an e-mail to alan@classicfm.net.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR A NEW RECTOR**

When the Reverend Richard Hughes retires on Thursday 31 August, the duties of the Parish Rector will be undertaken by a locum (or possibly locums) until a permanent appointment is made. We are currently consulting with the Diocese to identify suitable people who are available and willing to take on the role of locum. We intend that Services in St Mary's and St John's will continue as normal from Friday 1 September, although it is possible that some changes, for example on service times, may be necessary.

It is unlikely that a permanent appointment will be made quickly. The Diocese is currently looking at Parish boundaries as part of a broader review, and will probably wish to defer a decision on a new Rector until this review is complete. As soon as any further information is available, the Parish will be advised via the Parish magazines.

*Eiluned Jones and John Dolby, Church Wardens.*

## **GAP YEAR IN BRAZIL**

Having decided to take a gap year after A levels, I have been accepted by the **Baptist Missionary Society** based at Didcot to spend seven months in Brazil. After a month's training in Birmingham and a week's outward bound course in Wales I shall be flying out to Fortaleza in early October. This is a city of 2 million people on the coast of Brazil, some way north of Recife. I shall be one of a team of four - two boys and two girls - and understand that we will be involved in social action projects. We shall also spend time at Baturite, a town with a population of 25,000, which is some miles inland from Fortaleza and here we will help in the local church with youth work. Then, as a contrast, we are going to Trapia, an isolated rural location where there is a high rate of illiteracy. I'm told we shall be visiting people's homes and helping to run study groups and so some English teaching. Of course, I need to learn some Portuguese first and have armed myself with some language tapes from the library!

I have to raise the cost of the trip myself and have been working to this end since my exams finished. If you would like to sponsor me - financially or can offer some language tuition - I should be very happy to hear from you. Hopefully a newsletter from Brazil will be published in the Bulletin in due course.

*William Ferguson*

I am holding a **Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy / Plant Sale** at 21 Swanston Field on **Wednesday, 16 August** between 10am and 12.30pm, to raise funds for William's trip. Please come along for a coffee and a chat, and perhaps your surplus plants are just what someone else is looking for and you can find a home for that unwanted gift. If you can't come but would like to donate a cake (or a plant) please give me a ring.

*Wendy Ferguson 984 1262*

## **WOODCOTE RALLY - 15 & 16 JULY**

### **COPYHOLD FARM, GORING HEATH**

The Woodcote Rally will be back at Copyhold Farm in July and once again we aim to put on a show that has something for everyone. This will be our 37<sup>th</sup> annual event, which makes us one of the longest running rallies in the country. Over the years we have been to many locations in the area, moving to Copyhold Farm four years ago. Finding a large enough site with the facilities and access we need is increasingly difficult, but the field we now use is as good as we have ever had, and we are grateful to its owner and the residents of Goring Heath for accommodating our special event.

The Rally is run by a committee of volunteers under the auspices of the Woodcote Charitable Association. We aim to raise money for local good causes whilst providing a showcase for transport preservationists. We also do it so that we and our guests can have a good time! In 36 years we have raised over £195,000. The wonderful weather last year meant that we challenged the record set in 1997 by raising £22,000. Lets hope we can do the same this year.

On Saturday and Sunday everyone pays : £6 for adult and £3 for senior citizens and accompanied children. There is a complete show from noon each day with attractions for all the family. The best value for local residents is Saturday. Pay once to get in, enjoy the daytime show get a passout and pop home to freshen up, and then come back in the evening for the stage entertainment and the fireworks. Not bad for six quid!

**If you would like further information, please feel free to call on 01491 680240, or visit our web site : [www.btinternet.com/-woodcote.rally](http://www.btinternet.com/-woodcote.rally).**

### **THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY**

The growing season at the allotments is in full swing now and there is a variety of produce being grown.

Although it is a bit early to be thinking about the Autumn, it won't be long before it will be perfect digging weather! There are still a few allotments available.

**If you are interested in taking on an allotment, phone me on 984 2358.**

*Rosamund Heath*

# GORING HEATH HORTICULTURAL SHOW

**SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE PARISHES OF  
GORING HEATH AND WHITCHURCH

Whether you are of a competitive spirit or would like to enter just for fun,  
do come along and bring lots of entries.

Schedules will be available from 17 July.

After the completion of the judging, the Show will be open between 2.00  
& 4.00pm for the public to admire the exhibits, enjoy refreshments,  
join in the raffle and to buy at auction unreserved produce  
at the end of the afternoon.

**Please contact : Theresa Elsome on 984 2056,**

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Please send your contributions for the September edition to the Editor: -

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Telephone (0118) 984 3080 **no later than Monday 11 September 2000.**

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