## **Whitchurch & Goring Heath History Society Newsletter**

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 Schooldays 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".

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

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