Welcome to Genie's 'Upcoming Events' newsletter for July 2017

Upcoming Events provides a snapshot of some of the events listed on the Genie Events Calendar that may be of interest to local residents. This is not only about events in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke but also includes the surrounding area.

In this issue: the Henley Regatta, the Streatley Primary School Fête, the Henley Festival, some live music performances in Goring - plus a lot of other happenings you may find of interest!

If you like this newsletter, please forward to your friends and encourage them to subscribe. You can also have a look at the Events Calendar on the Genie website - this will provide the most up-to-date information for events submitted.

More details on Genie newsletters here. You can also view a previous newsletter in the Archive.

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**Henley Royal Regatta**

**28th June to 2nd July 2017 in Henley**

Henley Royal Regatta is undoubtedly the best-known regatta in the world. It holds a unique place in the respect and affection of all rowers – both active and retired.

Founded in 1839, it is famous both as a great sporting occasion and as a social event. People travel from all over the world to attend, either as competitors or as spectators.

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**Streatley Primary School Fête**

**1st July 2017 @ 12-3pm at Streatley Primary School**

Streatley Primary School will be hosting its annual Summer Fête on Saturday 1 July from 12noon-3pm on the school field.

There will be lots of fun, games and entertainment for all the family including a delicious BBQ, tea and cakes at our Country Café, a sensational silent auction, bouncy castle, obstacle course, tug of war competition, reaction speeds contest with our Batak machine, plate smashing, tombolas, nail bar, produce stall, Judo and Street
Dance displays, nearly new clothes and toys sale, lucky dip and much more. Money raised will go to Friends of Streatley School (FoSS) PTA charity fund who are fundraising for a new adventure playground for the school.

More information

Wallingford Guided Historic Town Walk

Every Saturday until 30th September 2017
@ 11am starting at Wallingford Town Hall

We're delighted to announce that you can now join a Guided Historic Town Walk on any Saturday morning.

Walks last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per head, money which will be donated to support Wallingford Museum. These are general walks covering the rich history of our town, but also touching on the links with Agatha Christie and 'Midsomer Murders'. They will appeal to residents and visitors alike. There's no need to book, just turn up at the Town Hall at 11.00am on any Saturday until end-Sept.

More information

Afternoon Tea at St Mary's Aldworth

5th July and every Wednesday until 30th August

Enjoy homemade cake, tea and coffee and a warm welcome on Wednesday from 2.30-4.40pm from 7 June to 30 August.

Explore the 14th century effigies of 'The Aldworth Giants' and the Millennium tapestry. Relax in our peaceful churchyard and see our 1000 year old yew tree. Toilet and disabled facilities and children's toys available. For details contact T: 01635 578936. Group visits welcome, but please let us know you are coming.

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Henley Festival

5th July to 9th July
In 2017, this extraordinary Festival will bring artists of the highest calibre from all over the world, and draw an audience in excess of 30,000 to the most magical festival setting they will ever experience. The firework display is at 10.30 each evening.

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**Village Greenfingers**  
**Topic: 'Pests & Diseases'**  
**5th July 2017 @ 8-10pm at Storton Lodge**

We all suffer from pests and diseases of one sort or another! Ray Broughton is coming to Goring Village Greenfingers on Wednesday 5th July to speak at 8 pm on this distasteful but entertaining subject.

Ray Broughton is a retired lecturer from Sparshott College, near Winchester, and will have plenty of useful advice for any of you with gardens or a window box. The meeting will take place at Storton Lodge, Icknield Road, Goring RG8 0DL. Visitors do not need to know a lot about gardening and can be sure of a warm welcome. Refreshments are provided. Contact: David 01491 873615.

More information

**Wallingford Country Market**  
**7th, 14th, 21st & 28th July @ 8:30am-12noon at Regal Centre Wallingford**

Open each Friday morning, our Gardening Table is looking great with ever popular plants for bedding, baskets and borders – and some unusual ones too! Bakers are also busy producing freshly cooked items each week.

Orders can be placed for most baked items we sell. New producers are always welcome. If you would like to join our friendly team of producers, please contact our Market Manager –Tel: 01491-681596 or pop in and see us one Friday morning.

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Live Music:  
**James Tormé & the Soho Stars**  
7th July @ 8pm at Goring Village Hall

Back by popular demand, American jazz-singing star James Tormé returns with The Soho Stars (featuring Brandon Allen), as part of his ‘Color Me Jazz’ tour.

A Goring favourite, Tormé is not to be missed! James (who is the son of 3-time Grammy Award Winning jazz legend Mel Tormé) is taking the legacy into which he was born even further - and causing a serious buzz in the process. Often appearing with outfits like the BBC Concert Orchestra, Ronnie Scott's Orchestra and Les Paul Trio, the charismatic young star's debut album has topped both the iTunes and Amazon Jazz Charts. James has been quoted as being “the best singer to come along in 20 years” and Goring is lucky to be one of only 4 UK shows on his European tour.

Tickets (£19.50 each) for this show are available from "Inspiration", Goring High Street or John Calvert on 01491 874492 or email jcjazz@blinternet.com. **AS THIS GIG WILL BE SEATED AT TABLES, PLEASE RING JOHN TO BOOK YOUR SEATS.**

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**Woodcote Rally**

8th July (@10am-11pm) &  
9th July (@10am-6pm) 2017

Our 54th year!

As well as being a fantastic weekend event for the whole family, the driving force behind the annual Woodcote Rally is for the Woodcote Charitable Association to raise as much money for local organisations, causes, and charities as we can.

Each year, the Donations Evening makes all of the hard work putting on the Rally worthwhile. The Rally Committee and Association members get to see how all of their voluntary efforts have helped local charities and worthy good causes within the village of Woodcote and surrounding area.

This is the reason the Woodcote Rally continues and why the Committee and Association members work so hard to make each year as good as – if not better than – the one before.

Every person who comes through the gate over the Rally weekend ensures not only the success of the Rally but they also directly contribute to the money raised and given by the Woodcote Charitable Association each year.

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Preston Crowmarsh Open Gardens
9th July 2017 @ 2-5pm at Preston Crowmarsh

Come, view and enjoy our gardens, several never before having been opened to the public, Delicious tea with cream scones and cakes will be available at the Old Mill House, Preston Crowmarsh, until 6pm.

Do come along and support this event; you will be helping the elderly and disabled in Benson and the surrounding hamlets. Sorry, no dogs please. All proceeds will go to the Millstream Day Centre.

Plant sales: Locally grown plants will be available.
Cost: £5.00 adults, accompanied under 16s free.

How to get event passports: In advance from Derry's Den, Benson High Street, on the day from 7 Preston Crowmarsh.

Contact the organisers: Phone: 01491 838957 Email: millstreamdaycentre@blinternet.com
Location: County: Oxfordshire Postcode for Sat Nav: OX10 6SL (please verify before travelling)

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Theatre: Dogs Don't Do Ballet
15th July 2017 @ 11am & 2pm at The Kenton Theatre, Henley

Presented by Blunderbus Theatre Company, the very funny tale of a small dog with big dreams!

Biff is not like other dogs. He doesn't do dog stuff like weeing on lampposts, or scratching his fleas, or drinking out of the toilet. No, Biff likes moonlight and music and walking on his tip toes. You see, Biff doesn't think he's a dog. He thinks he's a ballerina! Based on the bestselling children's book by Anna Kemp and Sara Ogilvie, this fabulous feel-good show features music, songs, handcrafted puppets and Biff, the ballet-dancing dog! Brought to the stage by acclaimed Blunderbus, this hilarious new story for ages 3+ tells the very funny tale of a small dog with big dreams!

“Brilliant fun!” The Guardian

Tickets. Adult £13, Concessions £10,
Family ticket (2 adult/2 child) £35
Prices include £1 restoration levy

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Wallingford Festival of Cycling
16th July 2017 @ 8am at Wallingford

WATCH, RIDE, EXPLORE

Join us for the Wallingford Festival of Cycling on Sunday 16 July 2017. There will be road restrictions at various points throughout the route.

WATCH town centre races including the national Junior Men and Women’s Road Race Championship
RIDE one of our organised events from a 5 mile family ride to a 110 km sportive
EXPLORE all the festival has to offer, from children’s cycle activities to trying out a penny farthing. Be part of this momentous occasion by coming along as a participant, spectator or volunteer.

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Reading Fringe Festival
19th - 24th July 2017 at Reading

There’s a lot going on at the Reading Fringe Festival!

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Royal Swan Upping

20th July 2017 Sonning-on-Thames @ 9am, Caversham
Lock 10:15am, Mapledurham Lock 12:15pm, Goring Lock
5pm, Moulsford 6pm
Friday 21st July 2017 Moulsford @ 09am, Benson Lock
10:15am, Clifton Hampden Bridge 1pm, Culham Lock
4:15pm, Abingdon Bridge 5pm

Swan Upping plays an important role in the conservation of the mute swan and involves The Queen’s Swan Warden collecting data, assessing the health of young cygnets and examining them for any injuries.

Cygnets are extremely vulnerable at this early stage in their development and Swan Upping affords an opportunity to help both adults and cygnets that might otherwise go untreated. The Royal Swan Uppers, who wear the scarlet uniform of Her Majesty The Queen, travel in traditional rowing skiffs together with Swan Uppers from the Vintners’ and Dyers’ livery companies. Many schools are invited to meet the Swan Uppers on their journey up river. The children involved may have the opportunity to view cygnets at close quarter and ask
questions about swans, the boats used and The Queen’s ownership of mute swans. The participation of school children is a positive element of Swan Upping and their enthusiasm for wildlife is always to be encouraged.

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**Goring & Streatley Regatta & River Festival**

**22nd July 2017 @ 9am-6pm at Above Cleeve Lock, west bank of the Thames**

Racing starts at 9:30am and we will run the last race at about 5:45pm.

The Regatta is a great family day out. Not only is it a rowing competition but it also offers a traditional mix of family events, including a funfair, stalls, places to eat, and of course a beer tent and lots of live music (the line up will be published nearer to the event).

The 2017 Regatta will have some great attractions! When the excitement of the rowing becomes too intense why not relax by taking the kids (a good excuse for having a go yourself) to some of the best entertainment around. Here are just a few of the attractions.....

Our traditional Mason’s funfair will provide it’s mix of fun and rides, from a carousel to dodgems.

The Giant Slide will be back......it’s huge! A massive inflatable slide – clamber up the cargo netting, take in the view at the top, and then slide at great speed to the bottom. It’s going to be a star attraction again!

This year will be memorable for the Tug o War competition, all comers welcome! If you are a Pub or local community team, join in the fun and compete for the 2017 Champions Cup! To enter a team contact regattachairman@goringapbc.org.uk.

The Goring & Streatley regatta is steeped in history and tradition. Visit the Boat Club’s displays in the craft tent to see images of the regatta from 1895, plus the original trophies!

Don’t forget the arena events. We have a really impressive line-up of displays – old favourites such as Ray Prior’s Falconry, as well as some new attractions, yet to be confirmed!

Live Music from Goring unplugged is always a popular attraction...... maybe the close vicinity of the bar has something to do with it?

This year regatta tickets will only be available at the gate and on the day.
• £8 for adults
• £4 for children under 16
• £20 for a family of 2 adults and 3 children
• Children five years old and under enter free

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Goring and Streatley Concert Band
(Starter Band)

22nd July 2017 @ 2pm to at Goring & Streatley Regatta

The Goring & Streatley Concert Band Starter Band has been invited back to play their end of season event at the Goring and Streatley Regatta. The GSCB Starter Band is the younger sibling of the Goring and Streatley Concert band for those young in age and/or young at heart who are looking to develop their experience of playing in an ensemble.

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Piano Recital: Janet Pound

23rd July 2017 @ 4pm at St Mary's Church, Streatley

Tickets (£8/£7) will be available at Inspirations in Goring from about 4 weeks before the concert or they can be bought on the door (because we have 250 seats we never turn people away) or email StMarysConcerts@hotmail.co.uk for further information or ticket bookings.

More information

Come On Board: Scrabble

28th July 2017 @ 3-5pm at The Canterbury Room, St Thomas Goring

The light and airy setting of The Canterbury Room provides a Mecca for keen scrabblers of the Goring Gap. It is held on the fourth Friday of every month from 3-5pm.
A lively mix of young and old, experienced and novice, arrive to find tables laid out for tea, with bright chequered table cloths and scrumptious homemade cakes.

While occasional recourse is made to a selection of dictionaries, much hilarity is generated in the interpretation, or complete disregard, of any rules. All are welcome to join the fun; there is no need to book. This is a United Benefice initiative. Cost: £2.50. Transport can be arranged if needed. Check the church calendar web link for changes to the normal schedule.

Coffee, cake, company and conversation
29th July 2017 @ 10.30am-12:15 pm at Canterbury Room, St Thomas Church
Coffee and Cake is held on the last Saturday of each month (except November and December) in The Canterbury Room of St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Goring.

Everyone is welcome. Delicious homemade cakes are served and there is a chance to browse through some second-hand books and other items for sale. Occasionally there are informal music recitals.

Withymead Open Day and Cream Teas
30th July 2017 @ 2-5pm at Withymead Nature Reserve
Come along to Withymead Nature Reserve to enjoy 22 acres of our peace and quiet in our riverside wildlife reserve.

Walk through the reedbeds; hear and see the flora and fauna that live in this very special place; witness our industrial heritage with the remains of Sam Saunders’ boat yard and slipways, and relax in the Visitor Centre with a cream tea

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