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## Welcome to Genie's 'Village Matters' newsletter

**Village Matters** reports on topical events and items of interest to local residents. There is no specific publication schedule, as it goes out 'as and when' sufficient material justifies a newsletter. Unless stated otherwise, the items will refer to Goring-on-Thames, Streatley, South Stoke and the surrounding villages.

In this issue: Primary School drop-in event on 11th July, BBC filming in Goring on 12th July, information about local road closures on 16th July, closure of Streatley Hill from 24th July - plus a lot of other things you may find of interest! **If you like it, please forward to your friends and encourage them to subscribe.**

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## Goring CE Primary School Drop-in Event 11th July

### Proposal for new Primary School

Goring CE Primary School is holding a drop-in event on Tuesday 11th July 4.30pm-8pm about their proposal for a new primary school. The whole community is warmly invited to come along to find out more about the proposal and leave their comments.



**Venue:** Goring CE Primary School, Wallingford Road, Goring, RG8 0BG

<http://www.goring.oxon.sch.uk/goring-primary-school/new-school-2/>



## BBC filming in Goring - 12th July

Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) judges will be touring Goring on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th July to evaluate and

score the projects being undertaken this year by the volunteers of the Goring Gap in Bloom team.

Following the judges around will be a BBC film crew.

As a result of the success of previous Gold Awards, Goring has been selected as one of 15 communities in the UK to be featured in a series of 15 episodes of a new BBC 2 documentary on the Britain in Bloom national competition.

Two of the main projects the BBC will be filming are the developing BT telephone exchange wild flower garden and the preparations for new garden being created on the 25m x 7m bank by platform 4 on Goring & Streatley station. The BBC selected Goring for various reasons, but particularly the team's willingness to take on ambitious and challenging projects requiring complex negotiations with national utilities.

During the tour around Goring, the judges give points for how clean and tidy the shops, houses, roads and gardens look, so perhaps residents can kindly help by tidying up their front gardens and the pavements outside their houses, removing posters and generally making the village looked cared for. Whilst there is a tour itinerary, the judges always drive around before the escorted tour starts to check out the whole village, so anywhere in Goring could be inspected.

<http://www.goringgapinbloom.org.uk/competition.html>

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/communities/campaigns/britain-in-bloom>

**PS:** Additional volunteers to join the group and help with a variety of jobs are most welcome. Please contact [stephaniebridle@btinternet.com](mailto:stephaniebridle@btinternet.com)

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## Next full Goring Parish Council meeting - Monday 10th July

Included on the agenda is the co-option of a new Parish Councillor, Carmella Boff.

[www.goringpc.org/meetings/details.php?meeting=431](http://www.goringpc.org/meetings/details.php?meeting=431)

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## Railway Electrification – train disruption in September

The next stage of work for the electrification of the Paddington Bristol railway, which passes through Goring and Streatley, will be to test the overhead wires in the Reading area. The train operator, Great Western Railway, says this will have an impact on all Thames Valley and High Speed Services on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September.



Services will operate hourly from Bristol Temple Meads and London Paddington with amended calling patterns and some extended journey times. GWR has set out full details and a journey planner tool on a dedicated web page: <https://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering/reading2017> for this area, or <https://www.gwr.com/travel-updates/planned-engineering> for GWR generally.

At the time of writing, Goring and Streatley station is about to benefit from a lick of paint, using the new GWR green livery. Work was also due to start to extend all three platforms at the Reading end to accommodate the new, longer electric commuter trains due to begin service in January 2018. Vodafone is intending to replace the mobile phone network mast at the station. A schedule for this work has yet to be announced.

You can find out more about the modernisation here: <https://www.gwr.com/about-us/modernising-gwr>



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## Wallingford Festival of Cycling Sunday 16th July

### Road closures in Goring & South Stoke

The road closures will basically affect the South Stoke Road to the bottom of Flint Hill, Flint Hill to Crays Pond (ie the B4526 Reading Road from Goring to Crays Pond). This will only be in operation for 11:30 am – 12:30 for the Men's race and 15:30 to

16:30 for the Woman's race. The race will be doing two laps at this point in their races and will only take 10 minutes to pass each time so traffic will be moving in between.

For detailed information, a link to the traffic management plan is here:

<http://www.wallingfordfestivalofcycling.co.uk/travel-advice/traffic-management-plan/>

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## Tesco Express, Goring - opening date revised to 7th August

Recruitment has now started and there are vacancies for 8 local people to work in the store as part-time

Customer Assistants (16 - 23 hours/week). Applicants should apply online to [www.tesco-careers.com/apply.aspx](http://www.tesco-careers.com/apply.aspx)



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## Have you ever dreamt of owning your own bank?

Here's your chance!



The old TSB bank building in Goring High Street, including the two-bedroom flat above, totalling 108 sq.m, is now up for sale. For the price of the freehold and all the sale particulars, see the attached 3-page document from the property agent. For a viewing, contact

[matt.gillson@cbre.com](mailto:matt.gillson@cbre.com)

[You can read the sale particulars here](#)



## **Streatley Hill (B4009) to be closed 24th July - 6th September**

**Closure for over 6 weeks**

Streatley Hill will be closed at the Bull traffic lights for over 6 weeks between Monday 24th July

- Wednesday 6th September for the repair of the Streatley building hit by the lorry last year.

(See: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-38078118)

[38078118](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-38078118) )

For further details there are 3 phone numbers:

0370 050 0792 (A Plant Lux)

01386 585700 (Wells Masonry)

01635 551111 (West Berks Highways)

(Photo: Newburytoday)

## **Mountain Mania Cycles to leave Goring**

It is with regret that our popular bike shop is leaving Goring High Street. Mountain Mania Cycles has recently acquired the 'Rides on Air' bike shop in St Martin Street, Wallingford. Alex, the manager, says he looks forward to still serving all his Goring customers, but in their new, bigger shop a few miles away. They will continue trading in Wallingford as Rides on Air. [www.ridesonair.com](http://www.ridesonair.com)



Mountain Mania Cycle's last day of trading in Goring will be on Saturday 2nd September.



## Swift Ink & Swift Klik moving out of the Arcade

As Mountain Mania Cycles vacate its premises, Swift Ink & Swift Klik will move in to the old bike shop in the High Street and open at the beginning of November. Then the business will be renamed 'Swift Office Stuff'.

Billy & Shaun are excited about the move just round the corner as they are taking the opportunity to provide an even better service to their existing business and other customers. They will be having a new business catalogue and a new website (to be launched in early August: [www.swiftofficestuff.co.uk](http://www.swiftofficestuff.co.uk)) to provide a comprehensive office and business supply service, both in the shop and online.

**The two units in the Arcade to be vacated in October will therefore be available to prospective new businesses.** So, if anyone is interested in either one of the units, or maybe both as separate shops or as the existing twin walk-through unit, please contact Billy or Shaun on [admin@swiftklik.co.uk](mailto:admin@swiftklik.co.uk).

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## Lost & Found

### Found

A child's bicycle and helmet.

This distinctive bike, found in very good condition, was removed for safe-keeping on 29th June, following several weeks when it was seen leaning against a bench in the Gardiner recreation field (Cricket field) in Cleeve Road.



To claim the bike, please email [contact@genienews.org](mailto:contact@genienews.org)

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