

Welcome to Genie's 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue: Police request for witnesses of Moulsoford bitcoin heist, have your say about Oxfordshire recycling, reclaim stolen tools, find out about what is happening at the Gap Festival - plus a lot of other things you may find of interest!



Police appeal for witnesses after trader 'forced at gunpoint to transfer Bitcoin' in Moulsoford

A police spokesman said, "Officers are particularly interested in speaking to anyone travelling through the village on the A329 Reading Road between 7.30am and 10.30am on Monday [22 January], who has dashcam footage, or anyone with mobile-phone footage."

Call 101, lines open 24 hours, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

They added, "People in the local community may notice an increased presence of officers in the area while our inquiries are ongoing. The investigation is in its early stages, however initial inquiries suggest this may be a targeted incident."

Raising the bar in recycling

Rachel Burns Oxfordshire County Council Waste Strategy Officer writes:

Do you know that each household in Oxfordshire produces one tonne of waste each year? We are amongst the best in the country at recycling and composting for a few years now at about 60%, but recycling rates have started to drop in Oxfordshire.

Residents are being given the chance to talk rubbish and recycling and tell Oxfordshire's county, city and district councils how they can help them recycle more and create less waste.



This consultation will inform the review of the joint countywide waste strategy. This sets out shared priorities across Oxfordshire for waste and recycling until 2030, that will be approved by the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership over the summer. Then, each council partner will adopt changes later in the year.

We want to do better at recycling and the new joint countywide waste strategy is critical to this. We know that on average over half of the items put in the general waste bin could have been recycled by placing them in the other bins available.

Through this consultation residents are being asked what would help them to reduce their overall waste consumption and recycle more. This includes expanding the range of materials that can be recycled at the kerbside and tips and advice on left-over food, upcycling clothing or donating or buying second hand goods. The councils are also seeking views on more radical schemes that have been implemented elsewhere in the country, such as changing bin sizes and collection frequency.

Councillor Yvonne Constance, Cabinet Member for Environment at Oxfordshire County Council said: "We want to help residents to increase the amount they recycle and have looked around at what other councils are doing. This is a long-term strategy and we will not be making any immediate changes however we are interested in which of these the residents of Oxfordshire think may work for them as we seek to minimise the overall amount of residual waste produced in the county."

Do you want to help us recycle and reduce waste? Take part in the online survey at [this link](#). The survey runs for six weeks

until 18 February.

You can find out more about recycling in Oxfordshire at this website: www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk



Memorial head stones at Goring Burial Ground

A number of the older memorial head stones in the Goring Burial Ground have become loose and some are likely to fall over.

During routine maintenance work, Goring Parish Council has had to lay some of these flat on the ground to avoid any accidents or damage to them.

The clerk would like to advise people visiting a grave, that should they find a headstone for which they have responsibility, which has been laid down for this reason, to contact the clerk to discuss the procedure for reestablishing the memorial in its proper position.

For this reason, the clerk would like to find those responsible for the grave of **Nellie Emily Hill, Albert George Hill and Ada King**? Records dating back to the 1970s show, at that time, this was Mrs I Godfrey of Cleeve Road. If anyone has any information which might help trace those responsible for this memorial, please contact the clerk, Colin Ratcliff, as soon as possible. Contact details below. Thank you.

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Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Old Jubilee Fire Station

Red Cross Road

Goring-on-Thames, Reading RG8 9HG



LORRYwatch scheme in Streatley

Monitoring vehicles for contraventions of the law

Streatley Parish Council have organised a scheme to monitor lorries travelling through the village that are contravening weight or other restrictions that are in place. In the week of January 15th, members of the Parish Council and a team of volunteers were taking photographs of offending vehicles for one hour each day and reporting them to Trading Standards. Results of this activity will be reported when available.

Great entertainment

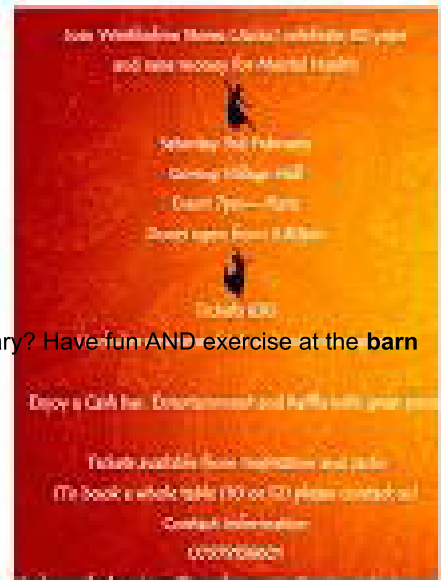
Coming up in the next few weeks ...

There's a host of brilliant entertainment on offer locally to brighten up the colder months. If you think the local pantomimes are behind you – Oh no they're not! **Cinderella** can be found in Wallingford this month and **The Emperor's New Clothes** will be displayed (or not) in Woodcote in February. Unaccompanied adults welcome. See the trailer [here](#).

Yearning to travel? How about India on 3 February? To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Jack's store, Goring Village Hall will become **Bollywood**, complete with an Indian banquet and appropriate entertainment.

Maybe you'd just like a good film? Great news this month – Wallingford Corn Exchange is once again up and running with a new season of films and live broadcasts.

Or perhaps you'd prefer a concert? There is a huge range of live music on offer locally in the next few weeks. Maybe this all sounds a bit sedentary? Have fun AND exercise at the **barn dance** in Goring Village Hall on 10 February. To find out more about all these events and many more go to the [Genie Events Calendar](#).



Thames Valley Police Appeal to reunite stolen tools with victims of theft

As a result of a warrant, a large number of power tools were recovered. Officers now are seeking to reunite the tools with their rightful owners.



Please take a look at the recovered tools in the above images. If you believe that one or some of them belong to you or your company then please contact us by calling 101 or by emailing thomas.coulman@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Please bring proof of purchase with you to Abingdon police station. It is, however, understood that paperwork is not always kept so each case will be assessed on its own merits and the officers in attendance will be able to make a decision based on the information provided.

'Save the Dates'



20 May - Goring Tennis Club's Fun Day 50th Anniversary Celebration

This year the tennis club is celebrating its 50th anniversary and on **20 May** it will be having a Fun Day at the Club with activities for adults, children, would be or experienced players, members and non-members. There will also be a fabulous Tennis tea in a marquee by the clubhouse on the Sheepcote field, strawberries included, of course. All are welcome. For further information contact Jane, the club secretary: club.sec@goring-tennis.co.uk or [click here](#) for their website.

14-17 June - GAP Festival announces first batch of headline acts

[Mica Paris](#), one of the UK's most exciting female singers, with a career full of Top 10 hit singles and albums worldwide, will headline the music strand of the Gap Festival. She will be performing in the marquee on **Saturday 16 June**. There are more well-known names heading up other strands of the festival.



Queen of crime fiction, [Val McDermid](#), will keep festival-goers on the edge of their seats with her show *Killing People for Fun and Profit*. Val has sold over 14 million books to date and is translated into over 40 languages. She is perhaps best-known for her TV series *Wire in the Blood*.

Antiques expert [Eric Knowles](#) will bring his one-man show *What's it Worth? The Bigger Picture* to this year's Festival for a witty and entertaining look at the world of antiques. Audience members will be invited to bring along their heirlooms and treasures for on stage discussion.

[Gyles Brandreth](#), writer, broadcaster, humourist and former MP and Government Whip, will also perform and is once again Patron of the Gap Festival.

Booking opens for the general public on 5 April. (Registered Festival Friends are able to book tickets in advance, along with other benefits including a voucher for 20% off all food at the Miller of Mansfield.) To become a Festival Friend, please use this online form: www.thegapfestival.org/friends.html

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Comings and Goings on Goring High Street

Cara Shoes moves Head Office out of Goring High Street

Cara (London) Ltd have vacated its sizeable head office at Unit 4, Thames Court, Goring High Street (nearly 2,000 sq feet) and relocated to the site of a nearby Cara warehouse in Horseshoe Park in Pangbourne.

The move has now created a large vacant unit (No 4) in Thames Court. There is also a separate smaller vacant unit (No 2) of just under 400 sq feet. If interested, the full specification and brochures of the units can be obtained from Sharps Commercial [website](#).

Lost Keys

Two keys belonging to Nichola have been found in the Wheel Orchard Car Park.

If Nichola would like to contact Hilary Dobson on 01491 872063 and describe them to her, she would be happy to return them to her.



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To send in news items, use <mailto:news@genienews.org>

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