

Welcome to the latest Genie 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue learn about an Extraordinary Meeting and an Annual Meeting of the Goring-on-Thames Parish Council, as well as information from the Goring & Woodcote Medical Practice PPG - plus other things you may find of interest!

Goring Neighbourhood Plan



Goring-on-Thames Parish Council has called an Extraordinary Council Meeting

7.30pm Thursday 5th April 2018 at Goring Village Hall

An Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting has been called to consider submission of the draft Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents to South Oxfordshire District Council for the next step of the neighbourhood planning process.

7.30pm, Thursday 5 April 2018
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall

[Click here](#) for the agenda and papers, including the four Neighbourhood Plan Documents that are being considered.

Colin Ratcliff
Clerk to Parish Council

The Parish Annual Meeting Goring-on-Thames Parish



**GORING-ON-THAMES
PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held:

7pm, Monday 9th April 2018
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall

[Click here](#) for link to agenda and draft previous minutes: Please note, papers will be added to this page as they become available.

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Parkinson's Awareness Week starts 10 April

Goring Carers Group invites everyone with an interest in this debilitating condition to a meeting at 11am, Thursday, 12 April in the Goring Community Centre

Parkinson's disease is affecting an increasing proportion of the population and the April meeting of the Goring Carers Group will be hosting a discussion led by local resident Briony Cooke.

Briony has recently published a book about her experience of living with Parkinson's disease over the past twenty years.

The book, *Surviving and Thriving with Parkinson's* covers many aspects of living with the condition, including its treatment and life-changing consequences, along with the value of distraction and emotional resilience.

Whether you are living with Parkinson's, caring for someone who has been diagnosed, or just curious to know more about this condition and its impact, you are very welcome to attend.

Goring and Woodcote Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Open Meeting 14 April, Woodcote Village Hall on the subject of 'Looking after your eyesight'

Everyone is invited to the next Patient Participation Group (PPG) Open Meeting which will take place in the Woodcote Village Hall on 14 April from 11am - 12.30pm. The main topic is 'Looking after your eyesight' and there will be talks by Mr Martin Leyland, Consultant



Ophthalmologist at the Royal Berkshire Hospital and Dr Jessica Reed, Practice lead for Ophthalmology.

Mr Martin Leyland BSc (hons) MB ChB (hons) MD FRCOphth

Mr Leyland started as a Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading in 2001 and was Clinical Director of the Ophthalmology Department from 2010 to 2014. He works in Reading and at the West Berkshire Community Hospital, Newbury, specialising in anterior segment ophthalmology, including cataract, corneal, conjunctival and eyelid disease. In 2004 he was appointed as Honorary Consultant to head the Corneal Service at the Oxford Eye Hospital, part of the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.



Dr Jessica Reed MB BS (London 2011) BSc (Hons) DRCOG MRCGP (2016) – Practice Partner

Dr Reed is a partner based at the Goring Surgery and trained at Guy's King's and St Thomas' School of Medicine and also has a degree in Clinical Pharmacology from King's College London. Dr Reed completed her GP training within the Oxford Deanery, under the supervision of Dr Simon Morris in 2016. She has interests in Women's health and Ophthalmology. Dr Reed will also be the GP lead for the PPG.

Other Information will be available at the meeting

In addition, a number of information tables will be provided by The Macular Group Goring, RNIB Carers Group Goring, Healthwatch Oxfordshire, Berkshire Vision, Oxfordshire Visual Impairment Team and Oxfordshire Association for the Blind.

BETTER Strength & Balance

Goring Village Hall
Wednesdays 11.15am -12.15pm

£5 per session



Fun and friendly fall prevention and physical activity classes for the over 60s

In the Goring Village Hall

This class focuses on a mix of seated and standing exercises to improve balance, strength and flexibility.

Wednesdays, 11.15am - 12.15pm

Goring Village Hall

£5 per session

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GAP Festival tickets go on sale 5 April

The colourful 36-page festival programme describing over 40 exciting and inspiring events is now available and will be delivered soon to every household in Goring, Streatley and surrounding villages. The full programme is also on the festival's website www.thegapfestival.org and tickets can be purchased online via the website from this Thursday, 5 April.

The period between 14 - 17 June is when the 500-seater marquee on the Gardiner Recreation (Cricket) Field will be busy staging the headline acts and performances, culminating in the free 'Family Day' on Sunday 17 in and around the marquee. Pre-festival and fringe events start the week before on 9 June with many events taking place in 12 other venues around Goring and Streatley.



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