

Welcome to the latest Genie 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue learn about Goring towpath and footpath closures, BBC2 changes date of broadcast of the series featuring Goring Gap in Bloom, and much more.



Goring towpath and footpath closures on 8 May

The Environment Agency has a Footpath Closure Order in place for 8 May (the day after the Bank Holiday Monday) onwards. This is for carrying out work to replace unsafe fences, or erect new fences on the bridges and around the paths in the Goring millstream area. These have been temporarily fenced off for some while.

A completion date is unavailable at this point, but Genie will inform you when a date is known.

Garden and plant sale Saturday 28 May, 10am - 3pm, Rectory Garden, Goring

This annual 'Bring and Buy' sale, organised by Goring Gap in Bloom, is the main fundraiser for the group. It supports activities for improving the local environment, making new garden areas in public places and contributing to the cost of Goring's hanging baskets, flower tubs and troughs in the High Street and Arcade.



Residents are encouraged to bring along any spare plants, terracotta or stone pots, garden tools or anything useful for the garden - and hopefully buy something for themselves to support the cause.

Donations can be brought along on the morning of the sale to the Rectory Garden from 8.30am, but larger items can be delivered to the organisers beforehand. If help is needed, please call Stephanie on 01491 875283 or email stephaniebridle@btinternet.com.

There will prizes to be won, wonderful cakes, teas and refreshments available in Goring Village Hall. Do come along and help Goring to bloom!

For more information about the aims, awards and achievements of Goring Gap in Bloom, visit www.goringgapinbloom.org.uk.

Change of date of Goring Gap in Bloom's appearance on BBC 2 TV Goring will now be featured at 6.30pm, Thursday 3 May and the series starts 6.30pm tomorrow (Monday, 16 April)

The BBC have brought forward by a week the transmission date of the series of programmes about the national Britain in Bloom competition since Genie reported the later date in a previous newsletter. The 15-



part series starts this Monday, 16 April at 6.30pm and Goring is scheduled to be featured on Thursday 3 May.

See full details of the programme on the [archived Village Matters 12 newsletter](#) sent out on 14 March.

The RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) and the BBC, who commissioned the series, are promoting the programmes and the celebrity presenter will be Chris Bavin. To see photos and locations of all 15 Bloom groups involved around the UK - and a sneak video preview of the series - find out more [here](#).

Some GAP Festival events already SOLD OUT!

Pre-festival events start on 9 June and the main festival is 14-17 June

Since tickets went on sale on 5 April, several events have already sold out and others are over 50% sold. Almost 70% of the 475 tickets for The Lightyears concert in the marquee were sold in the first week.

So, although there are plenty of tickets still available, if you are planning to buy tickets for any of the 40 or more events, be sure to visit the [festival website](#) soon to secure the tickets you want.



A Friends of Music at Goring recital

Luba Tunnicliffe (Viola) with Gamal Khamis (Piano), Wednesday 9 May at 1.00pm, St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Goring

Luba is well-known as a soloist and has performed at The Royal Festival Hall, London, and elsewhere in the UK and Europe. They will be playing Schubert's *Arpeggione* sonata, Fauré's *Élégie*, and a sonata by the early 20th Century British/American composer Rebecca Clarke.

Tickets £12 at the door or £10 purchased in advance from Inspiration, The Arcade, Goring or from nigelfountain@tiscali.co.uk.

For more information about this concert or about many different events and happenings in the area, please have a look at the [Genie Event Calendar](#). There's a lot going on, and it's a good way to plan your weekends, evenings and even your 'stay-at-home holidays'.

And another concert for your diary...

Simon Mayor (Mandolin) with Hilary James (Mandobass & vocals) on Saturday 12 May at 8.00pm, Morrell Room, Church Lane, Streatley

Simon Mayor: One of the world's leading mandolin virtuosos, Simon's many faceted career includes his own series on BBC Radio 2. **Hilary James:** One of Britain's finest voices, according to BBC Radio 4. Hilary has had a top ten album of the year in *The Sunday Times*, Radio 2 playlisting and a voice that crosses the great musical divides. Simon and Hilary are also part of the mandolin band Mandolinquents when not performing solo or in a duet.

Tickets £12 from Inspiration, The Arcade, Goring or for further information email info@morrellroom.org



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