

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue we sadly report the sudden death of Stuart Pierrepont, a Goring resident and proprietor of The Goring Grocer. Other news items include Streatley Village Assembly this week, Goring Neighbourhood Plan update, Going Forward Buses driver needed - plus other things you may find of interest!

Stuart Pierrepont

The Pierrepont family are devastated to announce the unexpected passing away of Stuart on Thursday 10 May

A wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend, Stuart will be remembered for his infectious laughter and positive outlook on life. The lasting effect he has had on family, friends and the village itself will always be felt. Parkinson's disease was close to his heart and we ask that instead of sending flowers, to please donate anything you can to the charity. Thank you for all your well wishes. Stuart will constantly be remembered and always be missed.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuartpierrepont

Thank you.

Caroline Pierrepont and family



Annual Streatley Parish Assembly Thursday 17th May 2018

All residents are invited to the Annual
Streatley Parish Assembly Thursday 17th May
2018 Morrell Room, 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

The Assembly will be run in the same informal way as in recent years. The Parish Council believes that this format is stimulating and informative, since it allows residents the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues which concern them.

Residents are invited to come and meet the representatives of both the Parish Council and the 20 local organisations listed below to find out what they have done over the past year and learn what is planned within the community for the next twelve months. Officers from local organisations will also be there to take your questions on matters which may be of interest or concern.

There will be exhibits set up around the Morrell Room for each key aspect of the Parish Council's remit (highways, open spaces, recreation ground and so on). In addition, organisations who have been invited to attend include:

- West Berks Council: Planning, Highways, Trading Standards, Road Safety, Rights of Way
- Thames Valley Police
- Streatley Hill Pre School
- Streatley Primary School
- Streatley Allotment Society
- Friends of Streatley Rec

- Friends of St Mary's Church
- Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust
- Morrell Room
- The Parish Plan Refresh Group
- The Emergency Planning Forum
- Streatley Consolidated Charities
- Voluntary Transport Organisation (which provides transport for medical appointments)
- Goring & Streatley Concert Band
- Swan Hotel
- Going Forward Buses
- 2nd Goring & Streatley Scout Group
- Community First Responders
- Sustainability Group
- Genie

We invite you to come and tell the Parish Council and these other organisations what your key concerns are, as well as hearing about some of the activities they have been involved in and what the current priorities are.

Please join us in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and have a drink whilst you wander around the room talking to those groups that interest you. Give us your views for the future of the village. The Parish Assembly will start at 6.30pm and end at 8.00pm so come at any time within this period and stay as long as you like.

Residents are reminded of the traffic restrictions currently in place in Church Lane, so please either come on foot or, if you need to drive, go past the Morrell Room and leave your car in the Swan car park.

Goring Neighbourhood Plan Update

A new leaflet giving a brief update on the Plan, including important information on the changes made and key next steps, is being delivered to every home and business in Goring over the coming week.

The updated Plan was unanimously approved by Goring Parish Council and has been formally released for the next, and final, stage of Consultation. This is conducted by South Oxfordshire District Council and runs until June 7th.



If you do not receive the leaflet there will be spare copies in Goring library once the distribution is finished, or you can download a copy from the web site, . We would encourage everyone to read the Plan. The web site, www.goringplan.co.uk, contains the Plan documents, all the submitted comments, the Plan evidence base and link to the SODC web site to submit comments. The web site also presents a highly abridged version of the Plan, the Sustainability Appraisal, the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement.

Paper copies of the Plan can be read at Goring Parish Council Offices, Goring Library, The Catherine Wheel pub and at the SODC offices.



New Torchlight Procession Committee takes up the torch!
A committee of volunteers has formed to undertake the planning of the Christmas Torchlight Procession, working towards holding the event again on Christmas Eve this year.

The committee very much hope that it will be able to preserve this highlight of the Goring and Streatley calendar. To do this, we will need the help and involvement of the community. If you feel you could help with bringing this magical night back to life, please do get in touch by emailing gstorchtlight@gmail.com. There is a long list of tasks to undertake, from forklift truck driving to choosing carols, so the more the merrier!

Goring's riverside Italian restaurant closed on 13 May

It was with regret that Maurizio Vajana, who has run the restaurant since 2014, has had to cease trading.

The property is owned by entrepreneur and owner of Reading Football Club, Sir John Madejski, and it is not known what the future of the premises will be at this point.

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Weekend driver wanted

Going Forward Buses of Goring is looking for a driver(s) for Saturdays (up to 10 hours) and/or Sundays (around 8 hours)

If you have a D1 driving licence and you passed your test before January 1997 you will be qualified to drive these mainly 14-seater mini buses. A driver, or two, is needed for the Saturday and Sunday services to Wallingford and Reading. This could be a paid position – and there is also the opportunity for some weekday working (currently Tuesdays and Fridays).

If you're interested or know someone who might be, please contact, with no obligation, littlebluebus@yahoo.com for more details.

www.goingforwardbuses.com

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