

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue Patient Participation Group Coffee Morning cancelled, train disruption at Oxford from 29 June, improved disabled access at Tesco in Goring - plus a lot of other things you may find of interest!



Goring & Woodcote Patient Participation Group 7 June Coffee Morning CANCELLED

4-9 June is National Patient Participation Week and the Goring and Woodcote Medical Practice PPG had planned to hold a coffee morning on 7 June to mark the event. This has now been cancelled. Please disregard any notices you may have seen in the Goring Gap News (Forthcoming Events), the South Stoke Parish Newsletter, or elsewhere, indicating that the coffee morning is taking place.

Major GWR Train Disruption Oxford Station, 29 June - 25 July

Trains in or out of Oxford Station will be disrupted between 29 June and 25 July. The disruption is for maintenance work to replace track, signalling and cables. No trains will be able to use the station between 6 July and 23 July. Work will take place around the clock and, once completed, Network Rail indicate it will allow faster travel as well as a new half-hourly London Marylebone to Oxford service.

Great Western Railway has said it will operate replacement buses between Oxford and Didcot Parkway. For full details, please click [here](#).



The GAP Festival

12 events sold out, but tickets for most events still available

Tickets available: Britain's best soul and jazz singer and the festival's headline act **Mica Paris**, the Queen of Crime writing **Val McDermid**, Chelsea Flower Show's presenter and garden designer **Joe Swift**, Antiques Road Show's **Eric Knowles**, the world famous **Pasadena Roof Orchestra**, the incredible **'Pop-Up Opera'**, Festival Patron **Gyles Brandreth's one-man show**, and the two family and children's events, the **Chamberhouse Winds Concert** ('Peter and the Wolf') and live **'Wind in the Willows'** event at Withymead Nature Reserve. Don't miss out!

For more information on the programme and to buy tickets online, visit: www.thegapfestival.org. Tickets can also be purchased in Goring at the Care Hub in the Arcade with credit card or cash. The final day, Sunday 17 June (Family Day and also Fathers' Day), access to the Festival marquee is free all day.

The 500-seater marquee on Goring's cricket field is the focus of the main events and Friday night's act, **The Lightyears**, sold out within weeks of tickets going on sale on 5 April. The GAP Festival (14 - 17 June) is the 3rd biennial arts and music festival and the biggest local cultural and charity event. It is organised completely by local volunteers for the benefit of the local communities in and around the Goring Gap.

Wheelchair & scooter accessibility restored at Tesco Goring



On Monday 21 May work was carried out to enable wheelchair and mobility scooter users to access the Tesco store from Gatehampton Road in Goring. The work involved relocation of a barrier extension (see pictures, above), installed recently to enhance pedestrian and child safety at the busy junction with Reading Road. An unintended consequence was to make it practically impossible for a wheelchair or mobility scooter to pass safely between the Tesco forecourt and Gatehampton Road.

An urgent note from MIGGS to Tesco and Oxfordshire Highways, backed up by Oxfordshire County Council representative Kevin Bulmer, resulted in quick action that has already attracted expressions of relief from wheelchair and scooter users.

This is the second change to the forecourt layout carried out at the request of MIGGS since Tesco opened its store to the public in August 2017. The first, carried out late last year, was to remove a bollard and change the camber and gradient of the approach ramp to a more wheelchair friendly profile.

Gap Comedy Club Change of programme on 9 June

The Gap Comedy Club regret to announce that, due to family circumstances, Phill Jupitus has to delay bringing his show 'Jupicity' to Goring Village Hall on Saturday 9 June 2018. He will now perform his show on Thursday 13 December 2018.

A replacement has been arranged and Angela Barnes will now bring her unique brand of humour to the stage on 9 June. Angela and her witty world view have been catapulted onto numerous radio and television shows including appearances on BBC Three's Russell Howard's *Good News*, Russell Kane's *Whistle Stop Tour* (BBC Radio 2), and BBC Radio 4's *The News Quiz* and *The Now Show*. Angela will be supported by Marlon Davis.

Some tickets are available at www.gapcomedy.co.uk



What's happening in June...

In addition to the GAP Festival, there is much going on in and around Goring, Streatley and South Stoke.

There is a 'New Information Drop-In' for older people in the Free Church Hall on 7 June from 10.30 -12noon. Later the same day, a new Pilates class starts, 4.15pm in the Garden Room, Goring Village Hall. Paul Jones and Digby Fairweather Band at Goring Village Hall, 8pm on Friday 8 June. Or if you fancy, 'Come

and Sing Vivaldi's *Gloria*' on 10 June. There are a few open gardens in the area in June, and an organ recital in St Thomas' Church on the 24th.

And if you are interested in the arts, the Arts Society, Goring (previously known as GADFAS) has an open

afternoon on the 27th at 2.30pm in Goring Village Hall. Doors open at 1.30pm for tea and coffee with time to find out more about the Arts Society and their programme. This will be followed by a free lecture entitled *The Two Gustavs: Mahler and Klimt*. No booking, just turn up!

For full details about these and all the happenings in June (and beyond!), please see the [Genie Calendar](#).

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