

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue: the Leatherne Bottel reopens, fish & chip shop deal falls through, Goring Get Involved Fair - plus a few other things you may find of interest!



The Leatherne Bottel reopens

The Leatherne Bottel restaurant between Goring and South Stoke has reverted to its old name and reopened with a brand new team and a modern British menu.

The team want to promote the Leatherne Bottel as a really fun place to visit. They have a genuine passion for what they do and the menus, together with drinks being offered, are evolving to reflect this.

As well as the Weekday Set Lunch, A la Carte and Sunday Evening Small Plates Menu, the restaurant is introducing a Tasting Menu with cocktail pairings and a whole host of exciting events in the run up to Christmas.

Find out more on the restaurant's website <https://leathernebottel.co.uk> or follow The Leatherne Bottel's social media accounts to be the first to hear about news and events.



The Get Involved Fair Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September from 10am-4pm at Goring Village Hall

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council is sponsoring a free event at which local volunteer groups, clubs and charities can provide information about what they do. The general public can then learn about these groups and potentially join in and get involved.

When people move into the area, they are often surprised at the large number of volunteer clubs, groups

and charities covering a wide range of interests and the full spectrum of life stages. Sometimes, though, it is difficult for these groups to 'get out the information' and to attract new individuals – particularly younger members and volunteers.

Sponsored by Goring-on-Thames Parish Council, the 'GET INVOLVED FAIR' is scheduled for Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September 2018, from 10am-4pm each day. Local volunteer groups, clubs and charities are invited to have a small table, at which they can provide information about their group and encourage those interested to possibly get involved. Something like a 'Careers Fair', this event is free to the local groups and also free to the public to attend.

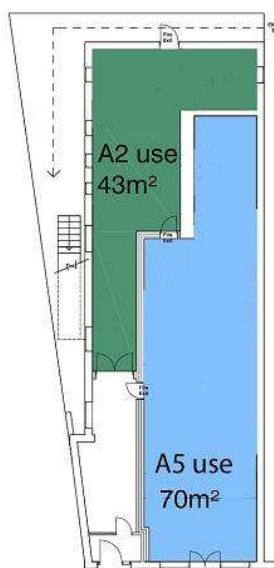
For those who want to see what our local area offers, please plan to pop along to Goring Village Hall and have a look around. There is no cost of entry, and all are welcome. The Village Hall is planning to have teas, coffees and cakes for sale.

For a local volunteer group, club or charity to sign up for a space, please e-mail Cllr Bryan Urbick (b.urbick@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk). It is understood that 6 hours for two days can be difficult for some smaller organisations to staff, so it is acceptable for groups to have unattended tables (though it is best if there are people around to answer questions and explain more about the group). Perhaps smaller groups could work together and share shifts.

'Fish & Chip Shop' – Update

The old TSB bank premises fish and chip shop deal has fallen through

Some weeks ago, planning permission was granted to allow for a proposed fish & chip shop to be established in the old TSB bank building on Goring High Street. When following up on the progress, Genie learned that the lease deal has fallen through and the property is back on the market. The estate agents have indicated that it could be to let or potentially for sale.



Ground Floor Plan - Proposed

The building could be used as 2 units, with adjacent entrances onto the High Street – one A5 use with shop facing the street, the second A2 use which would be accessed via a passage. Or alternatively it could be used as one whole unit, though planning permission may be needed if the total use is for something greater than A3 designation.

More information is available from the property agents, Queensgate Residential, T: 01189 590001.



Biodiversity Offset Proposal The Greater West Programme

Network Rail via the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) are particularly interested in hearing from people in the area as they are aware of the visual impact there has been on the landscape from tree removal and erection of the gantries as part of line electrification. Applications

for funds to support biodiversity enhancement projects are being invited.

Network Rail committed to no net loss of biodiversity resulting from the electrification process and are working with TOE to deliver biodiversity projects to replace the habitat lost when the trees and scrub were removed from the lineside. The funding is separate from any mitigation for landscape impact. However, it is possible to create biodiversity improvement, meeting the requirements of this scheme, while also providing some positive improvement on the landscape.

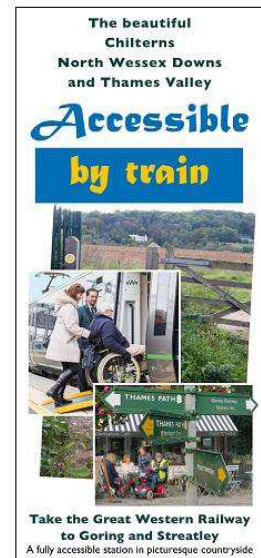
The next deadline for applications is 3rd September and the final deadline for applications is 26th October. A form has been produced and explains what information is required. It can be found [here](#).

Goring and Streatley – ‘Accessible by Train’ to disabled visitors

MIGGS, the Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley, wants more mobility impaired people to enjoy the countryside of the Goring Gap, taking advantage of its accessible paths and visitor facilities and accessibility improvements recently introduced at Goring and Streatley railway station.

The group, which in 2014 made a successful case for the installation of passenger lifts and other accessible facilities at the station, has now produced a leaflet, *Accessible by Train*, to encourage disabled visitors and make them feel welcome when they arrive.

The initiative is supported by the Chilterns and North Wessex Downs Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and by National Trails, which represents the Ridgeway and Thames Path long distance trails that converge on and cross Goring bridge. All three bodies are keen to attract and accommodate the needs of disabled visitors to the area and have cooperated in production and distribution of the leaflet. They are working steadily to increase accessibility on both sides of the Thames, by removing stiles, levelling paths and improving information and signage. The *Accessible by Train* leaflet was produced with sponsorship from Great Western Railway and Goring-on-Thames Parish Council. It will be on display at local railway stations, libraries and tourist information offices in and around the Thames valley and can be downloaded from: www.nationaltrail.co.uk/ridgeway/leaflets/ (Scroll down to the bottom of the list of downloads.)



It will also be promoted on the websites of GWR, district and parish councils in the Thames Valley and voluntary bodies and charities which serve the needs of disabled people.


Adult At Risk Profile
Please complete Part 1 and keep this profile in a safe place so that it can be quickly and easily located in the event that the person it refers to goes missing. You may want to make several copies, which can be kept by carers, relatives or neighbours. Only complete Part 2 at the time the person you care for goes missing.
PART 1 - To be completed and <u>kept updated</u> in advance of the person going missing

Vulnerable adults – emergency information scheme: The Herbert Protocol A new service by The Care Hub, for carers of those with dementia and other adults at risk of going missing, in association with the Thames Valley Police

What is The Herbert Protocol?

The Herbert Protocol initiative is named after George Herbert, a war veteran of the Normandy landings, who lived with dementia. It consists of a form for recording key information which the police will require if the vulnerable person goes missing. This is sent to the police, together with a photograph.

Carers, family members and friends should complete part one of the form in advance, and obtain a recent photograph of the vulnerable person. In the event the person goes missing, Part Two should be completed and handed to the Police service. This process saves the police precious minutes at the beginning of a search as they will have all the pertinent information to hand immediately. This could mean all the difference in finding a missing loved one.

Please call or stop by The Care Hub, in the Arcade, if you have questions or to pick up a Herbert Protocol form. Or you can read more and download the form from [here](#):

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/au/about-us/the-herbert-protocol/>

More information can be obtained from: Leigh Abbott, Community Engagement Coordinator, The Care Hub, 8 The Arcade, Goring. T: 01491 525639 E: leigh.abbott@g1care.co.uk

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