

## Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue: planning applications open for comment and 'Floatability' giving disabled people access to the water - as well as a reminder of today's Christmas activities in Goring.

### Genie launches a new regular, twice monthly 'Planning Application Alert' service

From this issue onwards, Genie will publish this Village Matters newsletter

on a regular schedule at the beginning and middle of each month. On each occasion there will be a 'Planning Application Alert' as the last item.

Genie will publish all new planning applications affecting Goring, Streatley and South Stoke. The listings will always appear at the end of each newsletter. See details at the end of this issue.



### Floatability

#### Coming soon – a new opportunity for people with disabilities to enjoy the river

Floatability CIC is a new not-for-profit Community Interest Company set up to provide access to the river for physically disabled people or those with mental health difficulties or special needs. This service hopes to be operating next summer.

The organisation feels that this will help to improve health and well-being for those who are often unable to access the river. They are currently fundraising for a specially designed accessible boat (a Coulam V20, pictured, designed in association with the Wheelyboat Trust) and hope to be up and running by June 2019 operating from the Goring Gap Boat Club facilities.

Floatability will provide nature tours in the Goring stretch of the river with the potential for some fishing and other activities also if desired.

The new accessible boat will seat 4 wheelchair users, with carers if required or 8 able-bodied passengers. Carers go free and there will be 2 members of Floatability staff onboard at all times. They will offer affordable group trips, with an opportunity for lunch at a riverside café with accessible toilet and parking facilities.

The main aim is to reduce the isolation that can be experienced through lack of proper outdoor activities. Two of four of Directors of Floatability are disabled with different health conditions and so understand well the issues associated with disabilities and they want to provide a safe and caring environment for people to meet, socialise and experience the joy of being on the river.

The business is embedded into the community so that any surplus revenue and the assets will always be fed back into the business for the community. Floatability is in the process of fundraising and will be relying solely on funds raised through grants and sponsors. For more information or if you would like to make a donation or support the cause in any way, please contact Laura Viney on 07399767480 or email [floatabilitycic@gmail.com](mailto:floatabilitycic@gmail.com)

## REMINDER FOR TODAY - Goring's annual Christmas activities

Goring Christmas Fair, Goring Festive Food, Drink and Local Produce Fair and the Official 'Christmas Lights Switch-on'

The Christmas Market will be in full swing from 10am to 5.45pm with tables in the Arcade and dotted about the village. Local shops will be running their own activities from 2pm so pop in to them all and have a look around. Don't miss the Punch and Judy shows for kids of all ages.

The Festive Food, Drink and Local Produce Fair will be hosted in Goring Village Hall 10am-3pm so pop in and see what our many local producers have on offer.

The official Christmas Light Switch-On will follow the Christmas Market at 6-6.30pm in Rectory Gardens. There will be carol singing and an ensemble from the Goring and Streatley Concert Band. Goring's Fire engine and crew will be present and children, as usual, are welcome to learn about the controls. There will be lots of food and music too as well as our guest star Santa, who will be hosting a grotto on the day upstairs in The Village Chocolate Café.

The wonderful, twinkling Christmas Tree, again kindly donated by Yattendon Estates Ltd and Lord Iliffe, will be a centre-piece in the Rectory Garden and Pierreponts will also be there selling mulled wine, mince pies and soft drinks to add to the atmosphere. Monies this year will be raised in the Rectory Gardens for ABF, The Soldiers' Charity.



This twice monthly 'Planning Alert' lists all the current planning applications submitted to SODC (South Oxfordshire District Council) and WBC (West Berkshire Council) relating to properties in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke, and occasionally other applications that are locally relevant. They are listed by parish, in expiry date order, so the applications with the shortest periods in which to respond are at the top.

Should you be interested in finding out more, or commenting on any of these applications, click on the Reference number link to the application. To make a comment to the planning department, follow the advice given on the application. New applications, if there are any, will be added to the lists in subsequent Alerts and existing ones will remain until the consultation period has expired.

Click below to see details of 5 applications for Goring, 2 for Streatley and 1 for Lower Basildon. No pending applications in South Stoke this month.

### STREATLEY

**Location:** Cleeve Court House, Streatley, RG8 9PR  
**Proposal:** Approval of details reserved by condition 4: Tree protection scheme, of planning permission  
**Reference Number:** [18/03058/COND1](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 10 December 2018

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**Location:** Sunfield, Townsend Road, Streatley, RG8 9LH  
**Proposal:** New house and garage plot  
**Reference Number:** [18/02700/FULD](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 12 December 2018

## SOUTH STOKE

None this period

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## LOWER BASILDON

**Location:** **The Grotto, Lower Basildon, RG8 9NE**  
*Revised Application:* Conversion and refurbishment of existing listed residential building into 60 bedroom boutique hotel and private members club including Coach House extension, detached spa facility with outdoor swimming pool and enabling development in the form of 7 detached lodge units and 2 x 4 bedroom family houses.

**Proposal:**

**Reference Number:** [17/00186/COMIND](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **17 December 2018**

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## GORING

**Location:** **3 Elmcroft, Goring, RG8 9EU**  
**Proposal:** Erection of 2 dwellings  
**Reference Number:** [P18/S2900/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **6 December 2018**

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**Location:** **East Cottage, Reading Road, Goring, RG8 0LL**  
**Proposal:** Installation of Solar PV array in garden  
**Reference Number:** [18/0272/FULD](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **6 December 2018**

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**Location:** **3 Whitehills Green, Goring, RG8 0EB**  
**Proposal:** Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor side extension  
**Reference Number:** [P18/S3792/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **13 December 2018**

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**Location:** **33 Milldown Road, Goring, RG8 0BA**  
**Proposal:** Two storey side extension, two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension. Demolition of garage and rear extension  
**Reference Number:** [P18/S3810/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **18 December 2018**

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**Location:** **46 Springhill Road, Goring, RG8 0DA**  
**Proposal:** Demolition and replacement of a side enclosure and the replacement of the garage and porch roofs with a tiled, pitched roof.  
**Reference Number:** [P18/S3821/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **18 December 2018**

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To visit SODC's planning website:  
<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application>

Information on how to comment on a SODC application:  
<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/comment-planning-application>

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To visit WBC's planning website:  
<https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Information on how to comment on a WBC application:  
<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations>

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