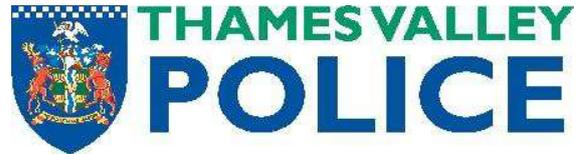


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue: a witness appeal, the new fish & chip shop in Goring; OCC agrees to build 100,000 more homes; 2020 cycle race in Streatley; Goring 10K Run 2019 - plus other things you will find of interest and our latest update of new planning applications.

Witness Appeal following burglaries in Goring

Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following three burglaries in Goring.



- **Between 1pm on 19th January and 1.43pm on the 24th January** a house was broken into on Milldown Avenue, Goring. Entry was gained via the rear kitchen window or door as both were damaged. It is believed the shed was also searched. The house was unoccupied at the time.
- **Between 4.30pm on 23rd January and 7.10am on the 24th January** a property on Heron Shaw, Goring was broken into by forcing the front door. Three sheds at the property were also broken into. It is believed nothing was taken.
- **Between 9pm on the 23rd January and 10.32am on 24th January** another property on Heron Shaw, Goring was broken into. The property was unoccupied and empty. The offenders gained entry by smashing the back door.

If you have seen any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area or have any information relating to this message please call the Police via the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101 and quote the reference number 43190024511.

Alternatively, if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online by visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Message Sent By

Julia Williams (Police, Neighbourhood Policing Admin, South Oxon and Vale)



Lease now signed for Fish & Chip Shop in Goring High Street

The lease for the old Lloyds/TSB bank building (ground floor plus 2-bedroom flat above) was finally completed a week or so ago. Planning permission (P18/S0778/FUL) was granted to Muhammed Abul Hasan of Reading on 14 June 2018 to convert the ground floor use of the building from A2 Use Class (Financial and Professional Services) to A5 (Hot Food Takeaway).

Mr Hasan is currently dividing the ground floor space into a fish and chip shop (70 sq m) with a new central entrance and a separate space (43 sq m) to sub-let as an office or business using the existing entrance door. The frontage of the ground floor is due to be redesigned and

the whole exterior of the building will be redecorated as soon as possible.

The name of the shop is to be confirmed, but 'Happy Plaice' is a possibility, and the target opening date is late March. Mr Hasan has already appointed a manager for the business and the opening hours will be confirmed in due course. (The maximum periods permitted by the planning permission are 12noon-10.30pm Mon-Sat and 4-

10pm on Sunday).

The occupation of the old bank building still leaves two vacant retail units in Goring High Street, both of them in the Arcade. These premises are Unit 7 (previously Swift Ink, next to The Care Hub), which has been unoccupied for some time and Unit 4, (the eat-in Chinese restaurant part of the Chef King business), recently vacated and which is now being refurbished ready for letting.

Chef King, run by Tony Lo and Andy Liu, will continue to operate, but just as a Chinese Takeaway. Its new takeaway menu and revised opening hours will be published around late February/early March.

World record holder, Ben Smith, to start this year's Goring10k

Ben Smith (left), who ran 401 marathons in 401 days, will be starting this year's Goring 10k on 3rd March

Having struggled with severe depression following a long period of bullying, Ben turned his life around and completed his heroic challenge in 2016. He has since gone on to raise over £330,000 for anti-bullying charities. Goring Primary School was lucky enough to have Ben come and speak to the children where he gave a challenging, engaging and motivating talk. Ben is also going to be running the Goring10k and is looking forward to the local countryside and our warm hospitality.



If you would like to join Ben in this year's event, please visit www.goring10k.com and secure your place.



Housing Growth - Necessity or Threat?

With growing interest in certain local planning issues, below is information on three of the more significant proposals affecting housing growth. Links to some organisations' views on these proposals are also provided.

1. South Oxfordshire's Local Plan 2034

[SODC Local Plan 2034](#)

(The deadline for comments is 18 February 2019)

[Briefing Notes - SODC Local Plan 2034](#)

[CPRE - SODC Local Plan 2034](#)

2. Oxfordshire Growth Deal

[Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal](#)

[South Oxfordshire Sustainability](#)

3. Oxford - Cambridge Expressway

[SODC - Oxford to Cambridge Expressway](#)

[CPRE - Oxford to Cambridge Expressway](#)

Just announced – Streatley Hill selected as location for the 2020 British National Cycling Hill Climb Championships

Reading Cycling Club will be hosting the British National Hill Climb Championships in Streatley on 25th October 2020 on behalf of [Cycling Time Trials](#), the national governing body.

The announcement was made recently after an extensive competitive bid to host the event. Up to 350 riders, and maybe the same number or more spectators, are anticipated. The hill will be closed to through traffic from just up hill of The Coombe for about a kilometre to past the NT car park at the top from between 10am-4pm.

The British National Hill Climb Championship is a wonderfully social and spectator-friendly event held annually at different locations each autumn. The first event was held in 1944 and over the years it has been won by some of the best all-round British cyclists. Chris Boardman won 4 back-to-back victories between 1988 -1991 as an amateur.



The event organisers commented on the announcement: "We are delighted to be hosting this prestigious event,

which builds on over 20 years of experience of running an open competition on this hill and the enthusiastic support we have had from the local community in Goring and Streatley in making this happen.”

[Streatley Hill](#) is one of British cycling's top10 hill climbs in the country and the steepest and most challenging in the region. Its inclusion in the 'Tour of Britain' has further strengthened its status as a classic hill climb course. The course used begins at the corner of Coombe Road and finishes just over the crest of the hill. Its length is recorded as 0.75km with a height gain of 100m and an average gradient of 13% with a peak gradient near the top of 18%. Last year's quickest time on the hill, as part of Reading CC's 2-stage open event and in treacherous conditions was 2.25 min by Andrew Feather, who would go on to become the 2018 national hill climb champion. The current course record is 2.16 min set by Rob Gough back in 2012, so it remains to be seen whether, with the right conditions, this will now be under threat.

[Reading Cycling Club](#) has been promoting cycling since 1974. With over 200 members, the club is dedicated to giving cyclists the opportunity to race, ride and enjoy life on two wheels.



New online searchable Directory of Services available in Oxfordshire

Live Well Oxfordshire provides detailed information about services and activities in Oxfordshire

If you are looking for any type of services available in the county, then Oxfordshire County Council's [Live Well Oxfordshire](#) directory is the place to start your search.

The easy to search online directory brings together over 2,000 services and activities. From care services and local carer groups to help people stay independent, transport services to help people get out and about, and new hobbies for people to enjoy. You'll find useful information and advice on a wide range of subjects – all aimed at giving you greater choice and control over the support and services you may need.

February events in the Gap

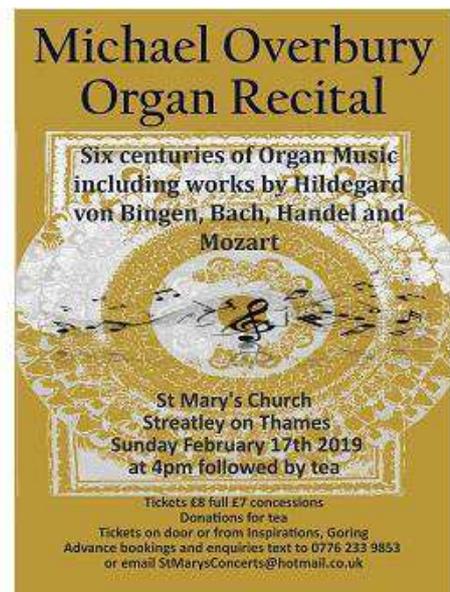
There's plenty to enjoy in the Gap this February, from gardening advice to vintage rock.

A range of talks covering diverse subjects including Millinery, French Life and the Enlightenment are on offer. There is still time to catch the Woodcote panto and at the end of the month there is a Norse Myth in the Morrell Rooms. Looking ahead, it is time to get your tickets for the Twinning Wine Tasting on **March 2nd**. Spring will soon be here and gardens will need taming again. On **February 6th** Carolyn Foster will be giving the Village Greenfingers timely advice on pruning shrubs and climbers. Visitors welcome, 7.45 at Storton Lodge. Also of special interest to gardeners is the NSPCC Luncheon at the Golf Club on **February 7th**, when local garden designer Rob Jones will be speaking

There are several concerts coming up – on **February 9th** the Album Project perform classic tracks from the 70's and 80's in Goring Village Hall. The organist, Michael Overbury is giving a concert at St Mary's on **February 17th** at 4pm – 'Six centuries of Organ Music'. At the end of the month, don't miss the much loved Goring Unplugged on **Friday 22nd**.

Other events to note include two meetings of the Wine Society – on **February 1st and March 1st**, a bridge tuition evening with Andrew Robson on **February 11th**, the Goring Village Hall AGM on **February 13th** which is open to all, and talks – at the WI on **February 13th**, the History Society on **February 18th**, and the U3A on **February 28th**.

As ever, all the details of these and other events are on the [Genie calendar](#).



Lost and Found

Has anyone found a gold bracelet in Streatley - or lost a key?

LOST - A gold bracelet of very sentimental value was lost in Streatley on Thursday 17 December. It was thought to have been dropped on the pavement opposite the Youth Hostel. The bracelet has a delicate gold chain and a couple of tiny black objects on it. If anyone has found it could they please contact Sandra on 07775 643457.

FOUND - A Yale key, on an unusual key ring, was found on the Goring & Streatley river bridge on 23 January. Any claimants should ring the finder on 01491 872012.



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 7 applications for Goring, 2 for South Stoke and none for Streatley.

STREATLEY

No applications in this period.

SOUTH STOKE

Location: **Fifield Cottage, Ferry Road, South Stoke RG8 0JL**
Provision of a garden room in the rear garden, (retrospective) alteration to roof above stairs, and provision of balcony to bedroom on flat roof area above kitchen. (as amended by drawings TDS 345 FC2000E and TDS 345 FC2001C to remove patio door to bedroom and balcony above kitchen and replace with window and hipped roof arrangement received on 24 January 2019)

Proposal:

Reference Number: [P18/S4145/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **8 February 2019**

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Location: **Land at Woodcote Road, South Stoke, RG8 0JJ**
Reserved matters application following Outline approval P17/S3206/O for residential development (up to 5 dwellings), and associated works, including access. In addition to discharge conditions 1- commencement, 2- approved plans, 3- maximum number of dwellings, 4- market housing mix, 5- landscaping, 6- tree protection, 7- biodiversity mitigation and enhancement strategy, 8- surface water drainage, 9- new vehicular access, 10- vision splay protection, 11- construction traffic management, 12- no surface water drainage to highway, 13- refuse and recycling storage, 14- fire hydrants, 15- hours of operation and 16- construction method statement

Proposal:

Reference Number: [P19/S0171/RM](#)

Consultation Deadline: 27 February 2019

GORING

Location: 25 Lockstile Way, Goring, RG8 0AL
Proposal: Single storey extension to side and rear provision of pitched roof over garage and entrance porch.
Reference Number: [P18/S4271/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 1 February 2019

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Location: Fernleigh, Ferry Lane, Goring RG8 9DX
Proposal: Removal of existing conservatory and formation of new single storey kitchen extension
Reference Number: [P19/S0015/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 6 February 2019

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Location: 8 Elmcroft, Goring RG8 9EU
Proposal: A single storey porch extension
Reference Number: [P19/S0061/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 6 February 2019

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Location: Little Court, Manor Road, Goring RG8 9DU
Proposal: Proposed porch canopy. Extending ground floor bay and proposed first floor oriel bay
Reference Number: [P19/S0179/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 20 February 2019

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Location: The Arcade High Street Goring RG8 9AY
Proposal: Replace 5 number existing bollards at the front of the property with similar bollards.
Reference Number: [P18/S4285/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 27 February 2019

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Location: 2 Wey Cottage Manor Road Goring on Thames RG8 9DP
Proposal: Close off existing back door as new approved extension P17/S2668/LB has new doors into the garden
Reference Number: [P19/S0296/LB](#)
Consultation Deadline: TBA - no officer has been assigned

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Location: Haydown, Elvendon Road, Goring RG8 0DT
Proposal: Creation of an access onto the highway (retrospective).
Reference Number: [P19/S0216/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: TBA - no officer has been assigned

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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