

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue: Boat Club moves into new boathouse, torchlight procession thank you, what's on - and our latest update of new planning applications.



Goring Gap Boat Club has come home!

Goring Gap Boat Club (GGBC) have just completed the final move to our now new home along the beautiful stretch of the Thames between Goring and Pangbourne. To find us by car look out for the entrance opposite Hook End Lane in Lower Basildon.



The Goring and Streatley Regatta, which GGBC have run since 1992, has been integral to putting GGBC on the map and all funds raised from the regatta have been saved for the day that GGBC could build its own boathouse. In 2015, with then chairman Hugh Baker-Smith at the helm, the search for land and planning permission completed and the build of our new boathouse began. Just over 3 years later, now GGBC President, Hugh says "Over the last 25 years, several hundred Club members and local benefactors have contributed in some way to the financing and building of GGBC's permanent home. As we finally move in, it is right to thank them all for their individual contributions to this community project."

And a date for your diary - **this year's regatta, which now runs on alternate years to the Goring Festival, will be on Saturday 20th July 2019.**

<https://goringgapbc.org.uk>



Thank you from the Torchlight Committee!

The Goring and Streatley Torchlight Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time, expertise and services to help our community celebrate Christmas Eve together. The sight of those torches lighting up the dark never fails to conjure up Christmas cheer! We couldn't have done it without you all and are proud to have brought the event back to life. The rather long list follows below, and extends also to every member of the community who came along on the night. Thank you all.

As a newly-formed committee, it was our first time organising the event and as such we would appreciate any thoughts you may have on what could be done differently in the future. We would love to hear what you thought of the evening – good and bad! Please let us know by emailing gstorchlight@gmail.com.

And finally, to keep the event continuing in future years, we really need more committee members. Please let us know if you can help. We will be very grateful!

Until next time ...

The Goring and Streatley Torchlight Committee (in alphabetical order):

Ben Williams
Kay Smitham
Tonia Sheldon
Carolyn McGlone
Louise Hewitson
Ian Helmschrott-Bowden
Vanessa Cooke
Kelly Borlase-Hendry
Jason Black
Mike Baker

Thank you to:

- The 48 marshals who turned out to help make the event safe; the first aid volunteers and everyone who helped with the Christmas Day clear-up.
- Ian Judd, Keith Jackson and Ron Bridle for providing invaluable help.
- Nikki Swan, Gill McGahan and Nick Barnes from the Heart of Streatley Charitable Trust.
- All those who contributed bonfire materials: Kevin Hine (W.A.Hine & Son), Ian Hewson (Wine Man Ltd), Kim Styles (Raw Workshop), Neil Aldridge (Neil Aldridge Landscapes), Mike Unwin (Summit Landscapes) and Harvey Stoker.
- Our local pubs: The Catherine Wheel, John Barleycorn, The Miller of Mansfield, The Bull and The Swan.
- Steve Napper, Sarah Brownlee, John Beacroft, Ian Shears, Louise Noble, Mark Baker, Chequers Garage, Warmingham & Co, the Morrell Room Committee, Reverend Wendy Middleton.
- Jeanne Hunter from Inspiration; Tanya Brown and all the staff at Goring Hardware; Jack and Varsha Patel of Westholme Stores.

- Claire Salmon and the Goring & Streatley Concert Band; Stuart MacKay, Bob Edwards; 1st Goring on Thames Scouts.
- SSE, Hazell & Jefferies, West Berkshire Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, the Thames Valley Police and the fire responders for helping with the essential safety elements.

January is a dull month? Oh no it isn't ...

There is plenty of fun and laughter on offer locally this month.

Murder Mystery mayhem featured in the last newsletter, Woodcote has a brilliant panto coming up - *Cinderella*. There are six performances to choose from on **January 26th/27th and February 2nd/3rd**. Check the Genie calendar for details and a TRAILER (wow).

For anyone with a New Year Resolution to learn something new, how about dendrochronology? To find out about that, look at the January 24th entries on the Genie calendar! The History society has an interesting talk about some local characters from the Civil War on January 21st or visit South Stoke on the 25th to hear about the Wilts & Berks Canal. The Gap Art Club meets on January 23rd and there are also Craft Group and Art Group meetings this month in Aldworth. The Care Hub in the Arcade has a number of weekly activities on offer for all – including chess, puzzles, tai chi ...



Looking ahead, for all the bridge players out there it is time to book for the annual Scrumptious Bridge Tea which will take place on **April 5th** in Goring. The Arthritis Research UK Goring & Streatley committee are now known as Versus Arthritis, but the tea is just as scrumptious as ever.

It's all there on the Genie calendar with contact details if you'd like to know more.

<https://www.genienews.org/enewsletters/calendar-events-planner/calendar/>



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 6 applications for Goring, 2 for Streatley, and 2 for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Oakridge, The Coombe, Streatley, Reading, Berkshire RG8 9QT

Proposal: Conversion of part of garage to utility room alteration to existing porch and existing rear extension lean to roof, addition of chimney stack, roof material changed to slate and existing external walls to be rendered and part timber clad and internal alterations.

Reference Number: [18/03324/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: 31 January 2019

Location: Wyne House, The Coombe, Streatley, Reading, Berkshire RG8 9QT
Proposal: Removal of existing conservatory; rear extension and internal alterations; replacement windows and doors; new finishes to existing exterior walls and new finishes to existing exterior garage walls
Reference Number: [18/03297/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: 31 January 2019

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Fifield Cottage, Ferry Road, South Stoke, RG8 0JL
Proposal: 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.
Reference Number: [P18/S4145/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 23 January 2019

Location: South Stoke Community Shop, Cross Keys Road, South Stoke, RG8 0JT
Proposal: The extension of the current permission which expires on 12th march 2019 by three years to 12 march 2022. the A1 shop, A3 cafe and ancillary storage and toilet will continue as detailed in permission P11/W1821/DIS.
Reference Number: [P18/S4133/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 24 January 2019

GORING

Location: 17 Valley Close, Goring, RG8 0AN
Proposal: Improve the existing layout and accommodation, by rebuilding the existing bay window, add a new window to cloakroom and add a new open canopy to the side elevation above the side door entrance.
Reference Number: [P18/S4000/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 19 January 2019

Location: 1 Maple Court, Goring, RG8 9BQ
Proposal: Single storey rear extension with balcony roof.
Reference Number: [P18/S4063/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 20 January 2019

Location: Spring Hill, 70 Wallingford Road, Goring RG8 0HN
Proposal: New front and rear gables to first floor bedroom, hip to gable roof conversion to both sides and new roof window to front and rear elevation.
Reference Number: [P18/S4212/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 23 January 2019

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

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

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**

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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