

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

In this issue: Leatherne Bottel reopening; Local meetings; Expressway talk; 2019 Regatta; Swan car park update – and more – plus our latest update of new planning applications.



### The Leatherne Bottel restaurant, Goring, to reopen soon

Serving Italian cuisine and under new Italian management, the riverside restaurant should open in the first week in April.

The Leatherne Bottel, owned for many years by Sir John Madejski, will be reopening in early April as Don Giovanni. It will be run by Antonio Santelia, who has been in the Italian restaurant business as a chef for 35 years, and his team.

Traditional Italian cuisine will be on the menu, with many dishes people will know and some special ones people may not be so familiar with – but all with the genuine flavours and aromas of the Almalfi coast. The aim is to create the feel of a friendly riverside restaurant in which everyone will feel welcome and relaxed. A set price lunch menu will be offered, and a bar area on the front of house patio offering drinks, cocktails and hot and cold Italian-style tapas and antipasti. The decking area next to the river will serve the same *à la carte* menu as the inside restaurant, but with a small surcharge.

Walkers will be very welcome to use the outside patio area for drinks and snacks. Boaters are also welcome, but will need to book in advance due to the limited number of mooring spaces. Private events can also be booked, but a good amount of advance notice will be needed.

The *à la carte* restaurant will be open 12noon - 2pm and 6pm to 10pm on Monday - Saturday. Sunday will be 12noon - 3pm. The bar area (from 1st May) will be open 12noon - 10pm, Monday - Saturday and on Sunday 12noon - 3pm, weather permitting, of course.

Due to licence exchange formalities, the exact opening date is unknown. Though no specific menu and other details are yet available, in future please visit: [www.leathernebottel.co.uk](http://www.leathernebottel.co.uk) for details.

## Local Annual Parish Meetings or Assembly Save the dates

Parishes are required to have a meeting each year between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June. In Goring and South Stoke, this is called the Annual Parish Meeting and in Streatley the Annual Assembly. This meeting is separate from the Parish Council, though is convened by the Chairman or two Parish Councillors.



**Goring's Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for Monday 8th April 2019 at Goring Village Hall (Bellême Room) from 7pm. There will be an Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council, plus other reports by the County and District Councillor as well as from local organisations. There will also be an open forum for attendees to express concerns or raise issues. All are invited to attend.

**South Stoke's Annual Parish Meeting** will be on Saturday 11th May 2019 in South Stoke Village Hall starting at 6pm. The intent is to try something different and schedule the meeting at a time when those who are too busy during the week will be better able to attend. There will be short reports from Parish Councillors and local organisations, as well as updates on the on-going community projects. After the reports, all are invited to stay on

to socialise and have a drink.

**Streatley's Annual Parish Assembly** is scheduled for 23rd May 2019, to be held in the Morrell Room from 7-9pm, following a similar format to that used in previous years, with the view that the format is more interesting and informative for everybody than listening to the Chairman reading out yet another lengthy report. All residents are invited to come and meet the representatives of local organisations to find out what they have done over the past year, ask questions, and learn what they plan to do for the community in the next twelve months. Officers from West Berkshire Council and Thames Valley Police will also be there to take your questions on matters such as planning permission, traffic issues and crime or safety. Exhibits will be set up around the Morrell Room for each key aspect of the Parish Council's remit (highways, open spaces, recreation ground and so on) as well as for many local organisations.



### **A Talk about the controversial plans for the new Oxford - Cambridge Expressway**

**The talk on the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway will take place on Thursday, 7.30pm 28 March in the Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall.**

The Goring and Streatley Sustainability Group will be hosting the event and the speaker will be Chris Church of

the No Expressway Alliance. (The Alliance has been formed by a coalition of local groups opposed to the plans who want to see improved transport links by construction of the 'East-West Rail' Oxford - Cambridge rail link before any new roads are constructed.)

For more information on the Expressway: <https://www.noexpresswayalliance.org/> or the GSSG: [ContactUs@gssg.org.uk](mailto:ContactUs@gssg.org.uk)

### **CMC Planning Application**

**In view of the planning application by CMC Boiler Services Ltd relating to their premises in Elvendon Road, we asked the Director, Stuart Chandler, for an update.**

He says:

CMC Boiler Services Ltd – which has been based on the site since 1973 – will certainly not be closing as a business. We simply don't need such large office space now that so much of our paperwork can be carried out and stored electronically. When we moved here in 1973 our first computer was so big it had to be carried in by six people!



If we do decide to move out of our current offices, we would hope to remain based in the village. We have a strong and loyal customer base locally and will of course keep our customers informed of any change of address if and when that happens.



### **The Goring & Streatley Regatta and River Festival on Saturday 20 July 2019**

**Now that the Goring Gap Boat Club's new boathouse is back in the heart of the local community, the club is hosting the regatta every other year (on odd years) and is aiming to make the 2019 Goring & Streatley Regatta and River Festival a day to remember.**

The regatta is targeted at river and rowing enthusiasts, and local families, alike. All are welcome. GGBC wants to make this year's event not only a chance to share our much-loved sport of rowing, but also to make it a real opportunity to involve and showcase the local community, products and craft. So, if you are a local

business and are interested in renting a stall space to promote your business, or if you want to enter a crew for racing, or simply are interested to come along and be part of a brilliant day out, then please get in touch. All contact details at the end of this article.

**What's on and what's new this year**

Alongside the race schedule, which runs from 8am -7pm on the day for 16s and overs, there will be an increased focus on children's entertainment this year, including:

- KIDS GO FREE - free entrance for under 16s.
- BABY DRAGON BOAT RACING - open to crews made up of 5 children (9-15yrs) and 1 adult, the races take place over a 100-metre course and will be run throughout the day, ending with a grand final for the Cup. All crew members must be able to swim 25 metres. Life jackets will be provided and must be worn. Book in advance to avoid disappointment. Entrance fee £20 per boat.
- CRAFTY RAFT RACE - for small groups of up to 5 people as your racing crew (children must be over the age of 9). Bring along the equipment and materials you need, build your raft throughout the day at the Regatta, and race it in a 100-metre time trial – racing 4 rafts at a time. Marks will be given for design and speed to find the overall winner. One adult must be in each raft. All entrants must be able to swim 25 metres. Life jackets will be provided and must be worn. Entrance fee £25 per raf

### **Crew entry open from March 31st**

**Entry is FIRST COME FIRST SERVED ... sign up now!**

- For more information and to download forms to book your crew entry for the main racing, Baby Dragon Boat or Crafty Raft Race go to <https://goringgapbc.org.uk/regatta>
- For any questions on crew entry please contact [captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk](mailto:captainofrowing@goringgapbc.org.uk)
- For more details about gazebo space rental please go to <https://goringgapbc.org.uk/regatta>
- For stall or other attraction queries contact Madeleine Hammond [madeleinehammond@talktalk.net](mailto:madeleinehammond@talktalk.net)
- For general information and to see details on other upcoming events <https://goringgapbc.org.uk>

### **Goring Gap Boat Club ... Get on Board ... Recreational Rowing for the Community**

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## **Do you think your home may be haunted?**

**If so, a TV company would like to hear from you about your spooky story**

**Have you ever felt you've had any spooky goings on in your home? Would you like a top team of paranormal investigators to help get to the bottom of it?**

A TV production is making an exciting paranormal TV series and they are looking for people with haunted houses to take part, so a good opportunity to discover if you really do have a ghost!

If you would like to share your story and take part in the series, then please email the casting team on [haunted@back2back.tv](mailto:haunted@back2back.tv) or call Sarah, the Casting Producer, on 01273 499812.



## **Planning Application for Swan Hotel, Streatley for overflow car park – an Update**

The Swan Hotel has issued an update on the progress of the planning application ([18/02975/FUL](#)) submitted to West Berkshire District Council, which was validated on 27 November 2018. This is for the formation of an overflow car parking area and associated landscaping. A summary of this statement is reproduced below.

### **Summary of statement from the Swan Hotel:**

We would like to thank those who have written to West Berkshire Council in support of our application for an overflow car park at the hotel. It appears the application is going to be decided at a planning committee, as the planning officer is unconvinced that the village's need for additional parking is sufficient to justify use of the field,

even with all the additional landscaping work and screening that the hotel are now proposing. The hotel hopes that the overwhelming level of support from the village and parish council will be taken into account by the members of the committee, but ultimately this is a decision that could go either way.

The planning committee is likely to be considering the matter at an April committee meeting, but details and the venue are yet to be published. Technical planning considerations will be weighed up and it may be that an overt show of support from the community would be enough to sway a finely balanced planning matter. Based upon

the level of local interest in the imminent opening of the Swan, it is a certainty that the requirement for parking will substantially exceed the current capacity and that excess cars will instead try to park on the High Street and elsewhere in Streatley and possibly in Goring.

The planning application is technically still open for online comments and if residents have any questions they are welcome to visit the hotel to meet members of staff for further information and a tour of the relevant site.

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## **The GAP Festival is planning for another great event for June 2020**

**As ever, we are always looking for new volunteers to help plan and prepare for this popular community event.**

**In particular, a web designer, who could create and maintain a shiny new festival website ready for 2020 would be most welcome.**

The GAP festival is biennial and staged in June on even years (alternating with the Goring & Streatley Regatta). Plans are already underway for another special and exciting mix of the arts, music of all kinds, comedy and the spoken word and, like all creative events, new blood and ideas are always being sought to shape the next event – to make it fresh and different each time and appealing to a wide age and interest spectrum within the community.

**If you are able to help in any way, we would love to hear from you.**

**To find out more, please contact us at [help@thegapfestival.org](mailto:help@thegapfestival.org) and take a look at our current website: [www.thegapfestival.org](http://www.thegapfestival.org)**

Thank you!



**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 4 applications for Goring, 2 for Streatley, and 3 for South Stoke.**

## **STREATLEY**

**Location:** The Lodge, Rectory Road, Streatley RG8 9QH  
**Proposal:** Demolition of garage, erection of a 2 storey extension linked to the existing dwelling

Reference Number: [19/00407/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **22 March 2019**

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**Location:** **Place Manor, Wallingford Road, Streatley, Reading, Berkshire RG8 9JS**  
Proposal: Complementary repairs to existing brick and flint boundary wall along western boundary (6 metre length)  
Reference Number: [19/00421/HOUSE](#), [19/00422/LBC2](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **26 March 2019**

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## SOUTH STOKE

**Location:** **Land at Woodcote Road, South Stoke RG8 0JJ**  
Proposal: 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.  
Reference Number: [P19/S0171/RM](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **20 March 2019**

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**Location:** **Barracks Farm, Wallingford Road, North Stoke OX10 6AZ**  
Proposal: Change concrete pad with walls to a building to store agricultural machinery/hay and straw  
Reference Number: [P19/S0594/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **22 March 2019**

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**Location:** **The Coaching Barn, Littlestoke Manor, Little Stoke OX10 6AX**  
Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (joinery, insulation & new materials) on P18/S0359/LB. (Alterations to implement a change of use from agricultural store building (sui-generis) to an arts / crafts centre (D1)).  
Reference Number: [P19/S0666/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **TBA (but target decision date is 11 April 2019)**

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## GORING

**Location:** **Land to the rear of Cleeve Cottages, Icknield Road, Goring RG8 0DG**  
Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of application P18/S2308/RM pursuant to outline application P16/S3001/O for the erection of up to ten dwellings with associated parking and amenity space  
Reference Number: [P19/S0538/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **14 March 2019**

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**Location:** **'Bromsgrove', Croft Road, Goring RG8 9ES**  
Proposal: Demolition of existing attached triple garage and replacement with a detached triple garage, proposed railings to the front of the existing dwelling. Erection of a new 5-bed dwelling with linked garage on land to the rear.  
Reference Number: [P19/S0540/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **22 March 2019**

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**Location:** **10 Heron Shaw, Goring RG8 0AU**  
Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 - materials on application ref P18/S1166/HH. Proposed 2 storey side and single storey rear extension following demolition of attached garage and sun-room  
Reference Number: [P19/S0643/DIS](#)

**Consultation Deadline:** **Not subject to public consultation (but registered and open to public inspection)**

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**Location:** **2 Elvendon Road, Goring, Reading RG8 0DU**  
Proposal: Demolition of existing boiler showroom and erection of two new detached dwellings and associated external works.  
Reference Number: [P19/S0685/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **TBA (when officer is allocated)**

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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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