

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

In this issue Goring Robins win cup; Skew Bridge delays 19 May, Streatley Parish Assembly change of date; use your Waitrose tokens to support FOGL; Swan Barge to be renovated; Twinning Association seeks accommodation for French guests; other interesting news - and our latest update of new planning applications.



Goring Robins U15s win Cup Final 3-0 in Oxford

Following on from securing promotion in the Oxford Mail Youth League to Division B league, Goring Robins U15 Boys travelled to Oxford City Football Club ground on Sunday 12 May for the final of the Youth Knock Out Cup against Kidlington Youth.

The team put in a strong performance and took a 2-0 lead at half time with both goals from Harry. A penalty half way through the second half, scored by Oliver, gave Goring a 3-0 advantage which they held until the final whistle. A fitting end to an excellent season.

Match team:

Harry, Oliver, Ben, Jack, Ben, Joshua, Morgan, Eoin, Joshua, Seb, Alex, Robert, Miles, Freddie, James

Paul Massey-Thompson, Manager

Alex Llewellyn, Coach

Tony Grundy, Coach





Would you like to host a French visitor or couple from our twin town of Bellême?

Goring and District Twinning Association is seeking host families who could offer 3 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation for the weekend of 7-10 June, to a French visitor or couple from our twin town of Bellême.

We have 66 visitors coming and a packed itinerary, including a Country Fair in Rectory Garden on Saturday 8 June, which we hope will appeal to residents and visitors of all ages. Arrival will be sometime after 7pm on Friday 7 June, and departure from hosts' homes early on Monday 10 June. Most meals will be provided by the Twinning Association.

This is the 40th Anniversary of Goring and District Twinning Association, and many of our guests have long-standing links with and fond memories of our villages.

We are delighted that so many guests have booked to come, but it is proving challenging to find sufficient hosts. Please do not be put off if your French language is limited, outdated or non-existent. Twinning is all about relationships, fun and sharing; many of our successful hostings are based on laughter and improvised sign language, and more recently Google Translate!

If you think you might be able to help and would like more information, please contact Veronica Angel, email: veronica.angel@gmail.com Merci.

A new opportunity to promote your local organisation

The Goring and Streatley Regatta is a new opportunity for local organisations to 'spread the word' to many hundreds of local residents. This year, this major event is on Saturday 20 July 2019 and we want to help local groups.

If you are a local charity or organisation, book a stall at a pitch fee of £10 for a 3m x 3m pitch for your own gazebo. For non-funded small local village groups and charities, Goring Gap Boat Club is providing a Community Information double gazebo for you. This is an opportunity to promote your activity alongside other village groups to a different audience.

Space will be tight, so please get your application in **now** to Madeleine Hammond (Stalls Organiser) Tel: 07531 398404 madeleinehammond@talktalk.net

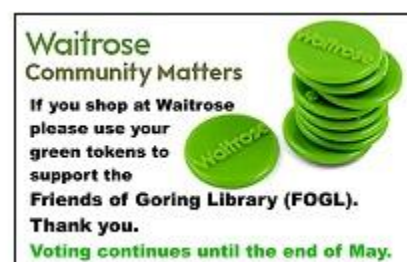


Some traffic disruption is scheduled between Streatley and Skew Bridge on Sunday 19 May

'Road Surface Dress Pre-Patching' is scheduled to start on Sunday 19 May (7am-5pm, for one day only) on the A329 Reading Road from Streatley to Skew Bridge. 3-way temporary traffic lights will be in operation.

Please use your Waitrose tokens to support FOGL

Friends Of Goring Library are aiming to buy a new rug for the Friday afternoon Story & Rhyme Time sessions and to replace the broken picture book boxes in the children's library.





**Change of date of Streatley Parish Assembly:
Now Tuesday 28 May 2019
Morrell Room, 6.30 - 8.00pm**

Please note change of date to the 28 May, as the Morrell Room is now required as a Polling Station for the European Elections on 23 May

Streatley Parish Council would like to invite all residents to the Annual Parish Assembly, which will be run in the same informal way as in recent years.

The council believes that this format is stimulating and informative, since it allows residents the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues which concern them. Residents are invited to come and meet representatives of both the council and local organisations, to find out what they have done over the past year and learn what is planned within the community for the next twelve months.

Officers from local organisations will also be there to take your questions on matters which may be of interest or concern.

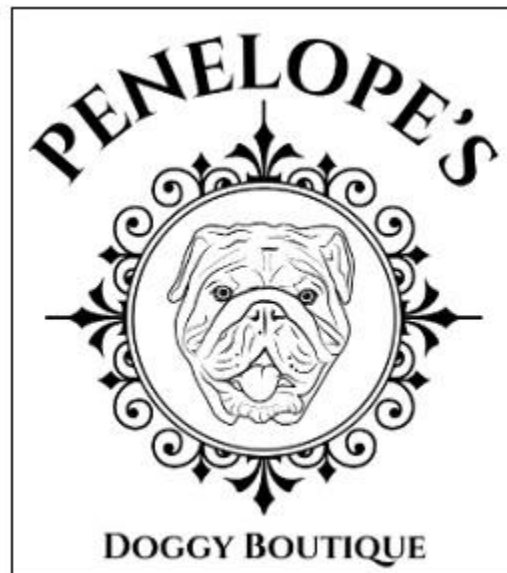
Please join us in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and have a drink whilst you wander around the room talking to those groups that interest you. Give us your views for the future of the village. The Parish Assembly will start at 6.30pm and end at 8pm so come at any time within this period and stay as long as you like.

Penelope's Doggy Boutique will open this Saturday 18 May

Occupying the old Jackson Stops Estate Agent's premises, between Goring Sorting Office and Pierrepoints, the building is undergoing a major upgrade in time to open and offer specialist doggy services and a wide range of retail products.

Tarran and Abby, the new business owners, will compartmentalise the ground floor space into a retail shop, grooming parlour and a specialist area in the rear for it's canine fertility services.

The shop area will sell leads, collars, toys, dog foods and bespoke handmade furniture for dogs, while the main service will be a professional grooming and pamper experience by Jo, a qualified groomer with over 10 years experience. Others services will include fun events such as puppy socialisation parties.



The specialist Canine Fertility Service will be provided by Tarran, an experienced dog breeder, and include pregnancy scanning, artificial insemination and other tests and investigations relating to canine reproduction.

On Saturday 18 May, on its first day, the shop will be open from 10.30am, but during normal business hours thereafter. For further details: www.penelopesdoggyboutique.com and <http://www.berkshirecaninefertility.com>

For other possible changes on Goring High Street, you may like to see our regular Planning Alert below, item 11.



Free help with computer and mobile phone skills at Goring Library on Wednesday 12 June, 2.15-4.30pm

If you would like some help with the Internet, emailing or getting more from your computer, tablet or mobile phone, free one-to-one IT advice is available.

To book your 30-minute appointment, call 01491 873028. Free coffee, tea and cake is available at this friendly and informal event.

Amenity Association suspends activities

The Goring and Streatley Amenity Association AGM was held on 30th April 2019 at the Village Hall

After a lively discussion, and the presentation of a Special Resolution by the Committee, Members in attendance voted, with some regret, to suspend the Association's activities forthwith. Past and present committees were thanked for their contribution to village matters. For details of the Special Resolution or Minutes, please contact committee@gsamenity.org.uk



The historic Magdalen College Barge, moored at the Swan at Streatley for 40 years, is to be renovated

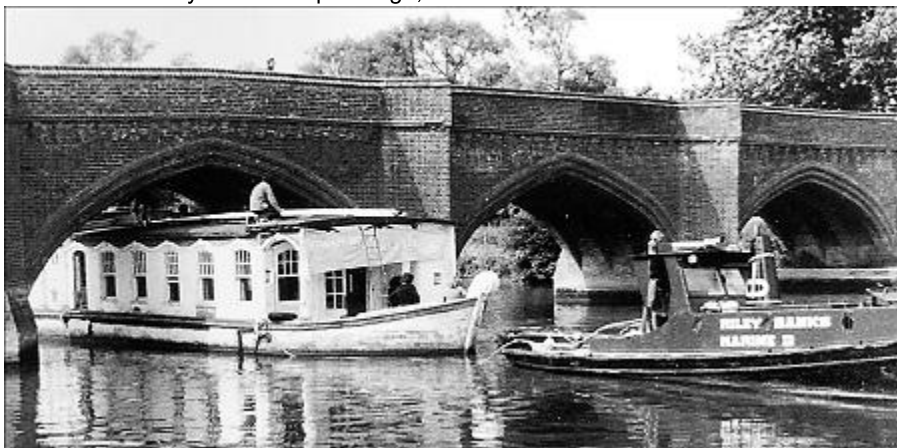
Following the announcement in the last issue of *Genie* about the reopening of the hotel in July, the next major project, the planning the renovation of this iconic local landmark, will begin in the autumn.

The barge has been moored outside the Swan hotel in Streatley since 4 August 1979 when it was towed down from Oxford.

Since that time, it has hosted many local events and wedding ceremonies and has become a part of the landscape and one of the most photographed scenes from the bridge and the grounds of the hotel. In recent

years, however, it has not had the attention the hotel would have liked to have given it, due to the more pressing demands of the hotel's renovation project, but soon the barge will become the focus of attention once more. The hotel management group would like to thank local residents for their patience and those who have offered help in different ways.

For a 1979 photo and the history of this unique barge,



The stripped-down 100-ton barge, with upper deck railing removed, squeezing under Clifton Hampton bridge with just inches to spare en route to its final mooring in Streatley on 4 August 1979. Photo: Peter Farr

The Swan's barge is unique. It was the only Oxford college barge built with a ferro-concrete (concrete reinforced with iron bars) hull, a novel concept to provide a longer life-span than all the other barges built with a traditional wooden hull. Consulting engineers L G Mouchel & Partners, pioneers of this technique, designed the 70 feet long, 15 feet wide hull with 6 inch thick walls weighing 40 tons and it was built by the British Motor Club in Chiswick, West London. The superstructure was added by Holloway Brothers at Victoria Wharf, London and the final fitting out was undertaken by Salter's Boatyard, Oxford.

Following the demise of its first wooden hull barge, their 'new' barge was commissioned in 1927 by Magdalen College as a 'Spectator Barge' with the below-deck cabin area designed for the crews of the 'Eights' to change and prepare for the all important intercollegiate races and other regattas.

After about 20 years service, it was sold in 1946 to Talboys, an Oxford boat builders, and then subsequently used as an overflow warehouse and cold store before being sold on again as private house boat. It was moored at Rose Island, Sandford, just south of Oxford, where it stayed until it was bought in 1979 by the Swan Hotel at Streatley.

The owners of the Swan at that time, Gulliver Hotels, bought it for £15,000 to use as a floating function room, with the possibility of a restaurant and bar to attract more guests. A complete refurbishment took place under the direction of architect Derek Gould and the whole of the port side from the concrete hull upwards was replaced and the roof of the interior and spectator deck was completely rebuilt, along with the stairs leading up to it. The original Magdalen College emblems were replaced by symbols of the Swan hotel.

On April 3 and 4, 1980, the hotel held open days to celebrate the restoration to show off their work and attract new business. The various subsequent owners did some remedial work when required but the current owners will hopefully make their mark to restore it to its former glory.

Abstract from research by Michael Brodie, Streatley.



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 8 applications for Goring, 1 for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location:	Dundrum Wantage Road Streatley Berkshire RG8 9LB
Proposal:	Section 73A: Variation of condition 2 'standard approved plans' of previously approved application 18/03183/FULD: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 detached dwellings
Reference Number:	19/01044/FULD
Consultation Deadline:	5th June 2019

SOUTH STOKE

No pending applications.

GORING

Location:	2 Grange Close Goring RG8 9DY
Proposal:	1. Demolish conservatory and build single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling. 2. Build single storey extension to west side of existing dwelling.
Reference Number:	P19/S1211/HH
Consultation Deadline:	18th May 2019

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Location:	30 Elvendon Road Goring Reading RG8 0DU
Proposal:	Proposed first floor loft conversion and extension including new roof over
Reference Number:	P19/S1314/HH
Consultation Deadline:	20th May 2019

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Location:	Ross Acre Goring RG8 0JY
Proposal:	Erection of a detached two-storey dwelling house and a detached double garage
Reference Number:	P19/S1259/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	23rd May 2019

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Location:	2 Long Meadow Goring RG8 9EG
Proposal:	Continuation of existing flat roof rear extension along remainder of rear of property.
Reference Number:	P19/S1097/HH
Consultation Deadline:	23rd May 2019

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Location:	Nursery Farm Gatehampton Farm RG8 9LU
Proposal:	Removal of the existing polytunnel, Construction of traditional Oak Framed Garage/workshop and office area
Reference Number:	P19/S1152/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	25th May 2019

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Location:	Unit 4 The Arcade High Street Goring RG8 9AY
Proposal:	Change of use of Unit 4 to Pilates/Yoga Studio(Class D2)
Reference Number:	P19/S1246/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	25th May 2019

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Location:	Fairfield River Lane Goring RG8 9EE
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions on P18/S3017/FUL(replacement of existing bungalow with new 1.5 storey house).
Reference Number:	P19/S1270/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Not subject to public consultation - Target Decision Date 30th May 2019

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Location:	Land at Icknield House Icknield Rd Goring RG8 0DG
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 3- schedule of materials and 9- tree protection to application ref P18/S1108/FUL for new 5-bed dwelling with detached garage and new access.
Reference Number:	P19/S1438/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Not subject to public consultation - Target Decision date 13th June 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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