

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

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In this issue: Swan car park extension refused; road closures in Goring and J13 of M4; Goring in Bloom judging days; what's on in July, Fish & Chip shop opening soon; Genie on social media; plus other things of interest – and our latest update of new planning applications.



### Planning Application for extension of Swan Hotel car park refused

The application was refused by four votes to three at a meeting of the West Berks Planning Committee on Wednesday 26 June.

Comments from The Swan Hotel can be seen by clicking Read More below. Councillor Alan Law (Basildon Ward, which includes Streatley) was invited to submit comments, but none were received

### Swan vows to continue campaign for overflow car park

'Following the decision led by Councillor Alan Law to refuse planning permission for the overflow car park at The Swan at

Streatley, the owners of The Swan are taking legal advice regarding certain unusual features of the decision making process and have vowed to continue their campaign to alleviate the parking on Streatley High Street.

'Commenting on the decision, Hugh Osmond, the owner of The Swan said: "We're very disappointed with the decision, not just for The Swan but for everyone in the village. We're all affected by this extraordinary outcome.

"We're extremely grateful for the continuous support we have received from the village and to the many residents who came along to the meeting and saw for themselves what an uphill task this planning application has been. It has been quite hard to identify where the priorities have lain for some of the planning committee members.

"We should also like to clarify one of the points raised at the meeting on Wednesday (26 June). We did not commission a traffic survey and great play was made of this by the planning officer and by Councillor Law. However, the Council's own Highways Officer did not think we needed the report and told the Planning Officers this, even going so far as to say he "would be concerned" if our parking wasn't granted permission. Any resident who has to negotiate the High Street on a regular basis would no doubt concur that the volume of traffic is perfectly apparent without the need for a protracted traffic survey that would only have given the Planning Officer a further excuse to delay matters.

"While the outcome of the meeting was not in our favour, we will not give up campaigning for what we believe is right for the village. The vote was very close with four members, led by Alan Law, opposing it and three supporting it, so all is not lost. We will be taking legal advice in order to consider whether the decision was reached in a fair and proper way and to assess the most effective next steps."

'The Swan at Streatley and Coppa Club will reopen in July following its extensive £12 million renovation.'

### Traffic delays next week in Goring High Street and weekend closures of Junction 13 of the M4



**Two-way traffic lights in Goring High Street near the Arcade on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 July will, no doubt, cause delays. It is possible that there may be further delays over the weekend of 6-7 July and possibly extending to Monday 8 July.**



This is due to work to dig a trench across the road to extend the gas supply to the new fish and chip shop next to the Arcade, from the mains supply under the pavement outside The Goring Grocer, and the subsequent reinstatement of the road afterwards.

**Junction 13, M4 at Chieveley will be closed for access to and from the M4 between 10pm Friday and 6am Monday over the next three weekends.** This includes the current weekend (28 June-1 July) and the weekends of 5-8 July and 12-15 July, plus possibly the weekend of 26-29 July. The closures are due to continuing bridge refurbishment and surface reconstruction work as reported in Village Matters issue 36 in April.



### Coming up in July

**Summer is here and there are lots of outdoor (and indoor) attractions to enjoy before the August lull.**

The highlight for many will be on Saturday 20 July – the return of the Goring and Streatley Regatta. The weeks of training we have all been doing will come to fruition with a day of river races – both serious and fun. Accompanying the races are many dry land attractions, including music, craft and a great range of refreshment opportunities.

There are plenty of other events this month as well. The Care Hub is kicking off the first July weekend with a street party in Goring Arcade from 11am on Saturday 6. In the evening Goring Social Club has a Moonlight Disco. On Sunday 7 there is a new experience on offer – ukulele band Only Ukes performing at St Leonards, Woodcote.

The following weekend (13/14 July) is the Woodcote Rally, celebrating its 56th year. Of course, many of the vehicles taking part are a lot older than that. Fun and history rolling along together, this is always an enjoyable day out.

Later in the month visit Goring Lock for the Swan Upping on Wednesday 17 July. The Micron theatre are returning to the lock on Friday 26 with this year's outdoor drama by the river, *Redcoats*. Speaking of drama, on 17-20 there is a choice of delights. Blewbury has an outdoor production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* and the Sinodun Players are performing Noel Coward's *Private Lives* in Wallingford. Get tickets now if you would like to see these plays, they are bound to be popular.

Finally, a reminder that if you live in Goring and notice the village being spruced up in various ways this month it is because on Wednesday 17 July our entry into the Regional Britain in Bloom competition is being judged, so please help by keeping our village tidy. Also, on 1 August, a different set of judges are coming to mark Goring for the National finals. Please see separate item of these events.

For more information about all the above events and many more please consult the Genie calendar: <https://www.genienews.org/enewsletters/calendar-events-planner/calendar/>

### New Fish & Chip shop in Goring High Street to finally open at the end of July

Planning permission was granted over a year ago for the change of use of the old TSB bank building in Goring High Street to A5 Class (Hot Food Takeaway), as reported in Village Matters issue 19, but the building has been left virtually untouched for most of this time. The delay in transforming and refurbishing the ground floor from bank to a fish and chip shop has been due to a number of issues, including the time it has taken to increase the gas supply to the pressure necessary for the heat needed to fry fish and chips on a large scale.



Mr Hassan has not yet decided on a name for the new business but is confident that the shop will be open for business and the exterior of the building, including the flat above, will be freshly painted by the end of July.



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### New signage as Goring & Streatley Station promotes the villages as the official gateway station to the Ridgeway, the Thames Path and the two AONBs

Currently, three new station name signs have been erected on the south ends of platforms 1, 3 and 4, but more will appear to replace all the old ones in due course

This signage supports the recent leaflet *Accessible by Train* which is distributed widely by Great Western Railway to show people that this station is fully accessible with lifts to and from all platforms and is the ideal location from which to explore the picturesque countryside on both sides of the river.



Credit is due to MIGGS (Mobility Group for Goring and Streatley) for negotiating with GWR to have these new signs erected and also for producing the publicity leaflets and posters to encourage visitors to come to Goring and Streatley to enjoy what the Goring Gap has to offer.



### News from our local clubs & societies

**Goring Table Tennis Club has vacancies for new members and the Goring Gap Photo Club invites non-members to sample their forthcoming talks**

**Anyone for table tennis?** If anyone would like to take up table tennis for the first time, or get back into it, please contact Joe Green for further information on 01491 871580.

The club is based at Storton Lodge (the Scout Hut next to the Fire Station) in Icknield Road and meets every Tuesday between 3.15 and 5pm. The club has 3 tables and bat and ball are provided. Rubber-soled footwear is required and there is no charge for a Taster Session, so please give us a call.

### The new season of the photo Club starts off with two excellent talks

Tuesday 3 September - *Judge, Jury and Executioner* by Steven Galvin LPRS, and two weeks later on 17 September, *Abstracts, Patterns and Art in your Eyes* by Damon Guy.

For details, see the entries for these events in the Genie calendar: <https://www.genienews.org/enewsletters/calendar-events-planner/calendar/>

All meetings are held at The Free Church Hall, Goring starting at 8pm and all are welcome. Non members £3.00. Further

information and the full programme of events can be found at <http://www.goringgapphoto.co.uk/>

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## The Springs Golf Club, North Stoke, has applied to build 43 accommodation lodges and replace the former hotel with a spa and reception area

A planning application to 'reorganise tourism facilities' at the golf club has been submitted to SODC. The plan is to demolish the old Springs Hotel building, which has been mothballed since it closed in 2014 and is now in a poor state of repair, and build a spa and a reception area for the guests of the proposed 43 new hotel room-style lodges and self-catering facilities. These are to be built in several locations over the 133-acre site, with most of them planned for the edge of the golf course close to the Wallingford Road. An extension and alterations to the existing clubhouse are also planned.



Artist's impression from the planning application

The Golf Club site was purchased in June 2017 by Darwin Escapes, a leisure company owning 22 holiday parks in the UK, most of which provide golfing and other leisure breaks. The 1874-built mock Tudor building was famous in the 1970s for being the home of the lead singer of the rock band Deep Purple, Ian Gillan, who built its guitar-shaped swimming pool.

The target decision date for the application ([P19/S1536/FUL](#)), which was submitted in May, is 21 August 2019.

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## Britain in Bloom judges are coming to Goring on 17 July and again on 1 August and the Bloom group requests local residents' help to prepare

**The Goring-on-Thames in Bloom committee is asking for support from Goring residents during visits by two sets of judges during the weeks to come**

On 17 July, judges from the Thames and Chilterns Region will be inspecting the village and Goring is endeavouring to win its 5th consecutive Regional Gold Award. Then, on 1 August, two national judges will be evaluating Goring as one of just 7 entrants throughout the UK in the Small Town category. A Gold Award here is the aim too but the standard in the national competition is even higher, so Goring needs to look its very best to stand a chance, especially as the judges are coming on a Thursday morning – bin day!

To find out how residents can help during these two visits by making the village look as clean and tidy as possible, please click Read More below.

Not only do judges inspect the hanging baskets and the many containers that are placed around the centre of the village this year, they also award marks for the way the community maintains its public spaces, footpaths and street furniture. Because of this impending scrutiny, the Bloom team is asking householders and businesses in the village to take a critical look at their frontages to note where there is debris in the gutters or on the footpaths and where possible ensure they are weed-free, swept and tidy.

Goring in Bloom volunteers will also be working hard to ensure the village is litter-free and that all the planting is looking at its very best on the day. The Bloom team has created, and is maintaining, more horticultural projects than ever before in an attempt to win our 5th consecutive gold medal in the regional competition so they will be fully stretched in the days before the judging.

However, this year, as Goring has successfully reached the finals of the National Britain in Bloom competition, the Bloomers will be asking the community to help with the clean-up all over again, just before the national judges arrive on 1 August. Unfortunately, this is a Thursday and is our recycling and garden waste collection date! The judges start their tour at 10.30am so it would be much appreciated if all bins can be removed from the pavements as soon as they are emptied. Maintaining a high standard across all marking categories will be an extra challenge the second time around, especially after the bin men have travelled the route ahead of the judges. So please make a note of the two dates and, if you are able, help to bring Gold back to Goring. Thank you.

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**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 ten applications for Goring, five for Streatley, and one for South Stoke as at 28 June 2019.**

## **STREATLEY**

**Location:** Cintra Streatley Hill Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9RD  
**Proposal:** Extension to first floor involving extension and alterations to roof. Addition of covered verandah and store to west end of bungalow. Demolition of existing garage and construction of new drive and parking area at rear.  
**Reference Number:** [19/01421/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **2 July 2019**

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**Location:** Childe Court Church Lane Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9HT  
**Proposal:** New brick boundary wall on the northern boundary to replace removed Leylandii trees  
**Reference Number:** [19/01268/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **5 July 2019**

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**Location:** Bennetts Wood Farm Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9ST  
**Proposal:** Residential Mobile Home  
**Reference Number:** [19/01488/CERTE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **8 July 2019**

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**Location:** The Swan Hotel, High Street, Streatley, RG8 9HR  
**Proposal:** Application for a variation of the Premises Licence. The Application Notice can be viewed [here](#). (The Premises Licence was decided on 10 April 2019.)  
 The site plan can be viewed [here](#).  
 The April Decision can be viewed [here](#).  
**Reference Number:** [19/00758/LQN](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **10 July 2019**

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**Location:** Conway Townsend Road Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9LH  
**Proposal:** Erection of a garden storage shed and widening the front bay window

Reference Number: [19/01480/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **17 July 2019**

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## SOUTH STOKE

**Location:** **Fifield Cottage Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL**  
Proposal: Alterations to design of rear elevation of house and provision of building in garden following approval of replacement dwelling under permission P16/S3861/FUL.  
Reference Number: [P19/S1072/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **26 July 2019**

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## GORING

**Location:** **2 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DU**  
Proposal: Demolition of existing boiler showroom and erection of two new semi-detached dwellings.  
Reference Number: [P19/S1832/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **5 July 2019**

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**Location:** **Beechwood House Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT**  
Proposal: Existing rear elevation dormer windows are to be extended forward allowing cill level to be dropped to a normal level. Hip roof changed  
Reference Number: [P19/S1834/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **9 July 2019**

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**Location:** **Byfield 47 Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 0EN**  
Proposal: 2-storey side extension plus conversion of the rear hip to a gable end, removal of chimney and internal alterations  
Reference Number: [P19/S1870/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **9 July 2019**

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**Location:** **The Pavilion Thames Road Goring RG8 9AH**  
Proposal: Variation of conditions on P18/S1983/FUL (demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling and garden room).  
Reference Number: [P19/S1699/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **10 July 2019**

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**Location:** **Hillcrest 37 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY**  
Proposal: Proposed wooden Yurt in rear garden  
Reference Number: [P19/S1706/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **11 July 2019**

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**Location:** **The Red House Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT**  
Proposal: Two storey extension, new porch and associated works  
Reference Number: [P19/S1976/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **12 July 2019**

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**Location:** **Hairoun Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG**  
Proposal: The erection of a hardwood Orangery at first floor level  
Reference Number: [P19/S1984/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **16 July 2019**

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**Location:** **Linwood Limetree Road Goring RG8 9EY**

Proposal: Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling with integral garage. Modification of existing access with entrance gates.  
Reference Number: [P19/S1853/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **17 July 2019**

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**Location:** **1 Grange Close Goring RG8 9DY**  
Proposal: Single storey glazed rear extension  
Reference Number: [P19/S1845/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **24 July 2019**

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**Location:** **7 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA**  
Proposal: Replacement of single storey rear extension  
Reference Number: [P19/S2000/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **TBA (when officer is allocated)**

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<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application>

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<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>

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<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations>

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