

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Thank you.*

In this issue – New mural unveiled at the station; Swan Upping on Thursday; High Street news; gas works in Goring; vacancy for Warden at Withymead and our latest update of new planning applications.

Swan Upping – this Thursday 18 July

A reminder that this colourful event will be taking place near Goring Lock at about 5pm.

Swan Upping plays an important role in the conservation of the mute swan and involves The Queen's Swan Warden collecting data, assessing the health of young cygnets and examining them for any injuries. Cygnets are extremely vulnerable at this early stage in their development and Swan Upping affords an opportunity to help both adults and cygnets that might otherwise go untreated.



You can find out more here: <http://www.royalswan.co.uk/>



Wildflower mural unveiled on Goring & Streatley station at public ceremony on Monday

The 6.0m long x 2.5m high 'wrap-around' mural took many weeks to paint in a large improvised studio in Goring. Sarah Pye was commissioned by Goring-on-Thames in Bloom to paint a chalk grassland wildflower scene and bring further colour and botanical interest into the station by creating an uplifting mural on the drab storage shed next to the coffee shop on platform 4.

Over 50 guests were invited to the unveiling ceremony and afternoon tea on Monday 15 August by Mark Hopwood, Managing Director of GWR. The occasion was to acknowledge the completion of a series of six horticultural and visual enhancement projects over the past three years by the volunteers of the Goring Bloom group. The overall

objective of the work is to soften the hard landscaping as a result of the electrification and modernisation of the station and to bring pleasure to the station users.

Our photo shows Joe Graham, Business Assurance Director of Great Western Railway, congratulating local impressionist artist, Sarah Pye, on the completion of her largest ever artwork.

A competition will be launched shortly for children and adults to identify the names of the many different wildflowers common to the Goring Gap that are depicted in the painting and to correctly record the number of bees and butterflies in the scene. Entry forms will be available in the main waiting room on platform 4 by the end of July.

The mural was painted on interlocking marine plywood panels and attached to battens on the shed walls and doors prepared by local carpenter Tarran Denton of TJ Carpentry. The artwork is coated with many protective layers of special anti-UV, anti-scratch and anti-graffiti coatings and should last for many years to come.

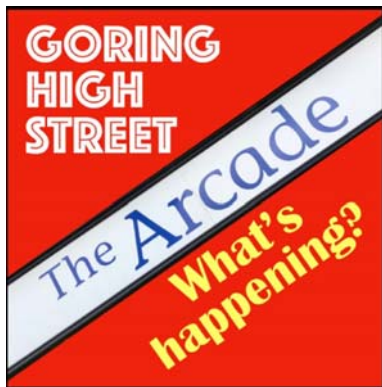
Gas works in Goring

Work will begin in August on Fairfield Road and then continue into Lockstile Way and the side streets.

The area covered is shown on the PDF [you can view here](#). The pipes coloured yellow are those which will be replaced.

It is proposed that the compound area is set up in the grass area at the junction of Milldown Avenue and Wallingford Road, highlighted in the picture on the right.

The work will be carried out by OMJ, a utility contracting service provider, on behalf of SGN. For further information or help contact SGN Customer Services on: 0800 912 1700, or email: info@omjuk.com



Goring High Street news

What's happening?

There seems to be a lot going on in both The Arcade and Goring High Street.

In the Arcade there are two units with outstanding planning applications being considered; each would involve a change of use. Sadly, the closure of a shop on the High Street has been announced. There have also been some disruptive works to prepare for a new shop opening.

Vacant Arcade Unit 4 (Previously Chef King Chinese restaurant):

Planning permission is still awaited for 'Change of Use' from South Oxfordshire District Council from Class A1 (Retail) to Class D2 (Leisure & Entertainment). The application is for a Pilates/Yoga Studio.

This was listed in the Genie Village Matters Planning Application alert on 30 April 2019 Issue No 37. (See archives on Genie website). The new 'Target Committee Meeting' date is 17 July with the target decision date of 19 July.

Vacant Arcade Unit 7 (Previously Swift Ink):

Certificate of Lawfulness has been requested for a Change of Use from Class A1 (Retail) to Class A2 (Financial & Professional Services).

See Planning alert section below.

Swift Office Stuff

The stationery and office supplies shop is to close at the end of July. Following the recent death of Shaun McNamee, Billy has decided to close the shop, which they jointly ran for many years in the present location in the High Street and formerly in the Arcade. All stock is currently being sold off at a discount.

Fish & Chip Shop:

In the last issue of Village Matters we reported the shop was to open at the end of this month, once the large new gas supply pipe was installed. As a result of the pipe not being fitted in the correct position, the opening date may need to be put back.

Opportunity at Withymead Nature Reserve

The post of Warden at Withymead Nature Reserve, on the Bridle Way between Goring and South Stoke will become available from September 2019.

The post is a three-year fixed term role. The position is for a Volunteer Worker(s), which is unsalaried, but with on-site, rent-free accommodation. This is an exciting opportunity for someone with experience in conservation,

ecology and biodiversity.

Closing date for applicants 9 August.

For full details please email info@ssfb.co.uk or take a look at the website www.withymead.org



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 seven applications for Goring, four for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

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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Location: Lough Down Townsend Road Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9LH
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by Condition 7 - Bat Survey, of planning permission 15/01668/FUL
Reference Number: [19/01678/COND2](#)
Consultation Deadline: **17 July 2019**

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Location: Elm Lodge Wallingford Road Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9JR
Proposal: Demolition and rebuilding of chimney stack, installation of satellite dish, removal of fireplace in bedroom 3, removal of internal stud walls forming the kitchen and passageway to the annexe, removal of sash window and unauthorised aluminium double doors and replace with timber french doors, double glazed first floor window, modifications to first floor family bathroom, repairs to ceiling of basement area underneath drawing room.
Reference Number: [19/01591/LBC2](#)
Consultation Deadline: **23 July 2019**

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Location: South Hayes Lewendon Hill Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9SU
Proposal: New two bay outbuilding

Reference Number: [19/01733/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: **30 July 2019**

SOUTH STOKE

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

GORING

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

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Location: **Linwood Limetree Road Goring RG8 9EY**
Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling with integral garage. Modification of existing access with entrance gates.
Proposal:
Reference Number: [P19/S1853/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **17 July 2019**

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Location: **7 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA**
Replacement of single storey rear extension
Proposal:
Reference Number: [P19/S2000/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **19 July 2019**

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

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Location: **West Croft Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BG**
Demolition of existing dwellinghouse, construction of replacement family home with ancillary outbuildings, parking and amenity space, landscaping, and associated works
Proposal:
Reference Number: [P19/S2102/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **31 July 2019**

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Location: **High Gable 72 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HN**
Front and rear two storey extensions
Proposal:
Reference Number: [P19/S2156/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **2 August 2019**

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Location: **7-8 The Arcade High Street Goring RG8 9AY**
Certificate of fullness for a change of use from A1 to A2
Proposal:
Reference Number: [P19/S2151/LDP](#)
Consultation Deadline: **No consultation deadline, target decision 2 September 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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