

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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In this issue: Streatley Hill closure; Goring High Street News; Plaque in honour of Norman Radley unveiled; Appeal for Witnesses; AONB Project; GAP Festival 2020; other items of interest – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Closure of Streatley Hill (B4009) at Bull traffic lights for repair of Bull chimney following recent overturned tractor incident

The closure will only be in the immediate vicinity of the Bull public house on the corner of the A329 in Streatley. The road will be closed 9.30am-5pm on 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30 August.

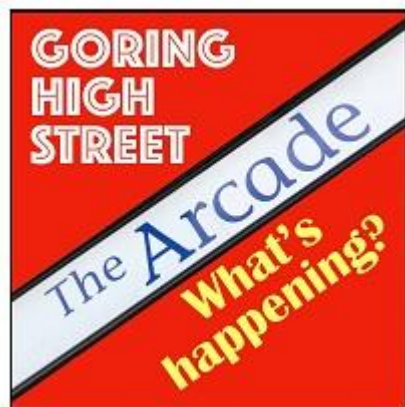


Diversions will be in place via Reading Road, Pangbourne Hill, A340 and A329.

The closure can be viewed by clicking on this link: <https://roadworks.org/?tm=114521935>

Enquires should be addressed to the contractors carrying out the work, Coalesce Construction, on 01233 878090.

In addition to the main works other minor repairs will be carried out at the junction on Friday 23 August..



Goring High Street News

Taylor's of Goring, the hairdressing salon in Station Road, Goring, closed on Monday 12 August. At this stage no further information has been provided.

Riverside Fish & Chips, as the new takeaway business in Goring High Street will be called, is aiming to open at the end of August or early September.

No 4 The Arcade has been leased to a new tenant who will open a Pilates and Yoga Studio soon.

The recently closed Swift Office Stuff

business is likely to be replaced shortly by another tenant, which will be announced in Genie soon.



Gap HR Services Ltd moved into 7 The Arcade in Goring on 1 August.

The business was started in 2003 by Goring resident, Carolyn Wahlen, in order to help small businesses deal with a wide range of human resources issues. It has been in operation for many years from another Goring location, but has taken the opportunity of the larger space in the Arcade to expand the business.

The Boyd family is sad to be passing on the news that David died peacefully on 7 August, aged 92.

He spent his last days at home in the heart of Goring-on-Thames, the village that he loved so much. Following a private family funeral in the morning, we welcome friends to join us for a service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' Church, Goring, on Thursday 29 August at 3.00pm.



Network Rail and the community acknowledges the outstanding contribution made by Norman Radley in leading the project to install the footbridge and lifts on Goring & Streatley Station

This plaque was unveiled at Goring & Streatley Station on Tuesday 6 August 2019 by Cllr Kevin

Bulmer, Chairman Goring-on-Thames Parish Council, in front of a large number of invited guests and onlookers.

Norman Radley was represented by his son, Geoffrey.

[Click Here](#) to view further information and images

George Michael's former riverside home, Mill Cottage, Goring, was sold last month

The family's lawyer, John Reid, confirmed the sale had taken place. The singer bought the property in 2001 and died there on Christmas Day, 2016.



Appeal For Witnesses Following A Burglary In Goring

Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Reading Road, Goring.

The incident took place between 5pm on 7th August and 8am on the 8th August after offenders gained access to the property. Once inside offenders conducted a search and then stole a grey VW Amorak (pick-up) as well as some tools and other items.

If you have any information about this incident please report it on the [Thames Valley Police website](#), or call 101, quoting reference 43190243667.

Find out how you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary by downloading your FREE Home Security Guide from the Thames Valley Police website here: [Security Guide](#).

Two new project managers, to be based in Goring, are being sought by the Chilterns AONB

The Project – 'To Restore and Enhance the Landscape and Biodiversity of the Goring Gap and The Chilterns AONB after Rail Electrification'

A Project Manager and a Project Officer, to work on a flexible but essentially full time basis on fixed 5-year term contracts, are being sought to manage and coordinate the enhancement of the local environment, starting later this year. Reporting to The Chilterns AONB's Steering Group, successful candidates will be responsible for a multi-million pound budget and will be based in Goring-on-Thames. The closing date for applications is 15 September 2019.



As reported in Village Matters on 15 April ([link](#)), Network Rail, The Chilterns AONB and The North Wessex Downs AONB concluded a deal worth £3.75 million following years of negotiations on Network Rail's legal responsibilities to reduce the adverse visual impact of its 20km of electrification infrastructure on the Great Western Mainline within the two AONBs from Purley to Didcot.

Click the links below for full details, including Job Description, Job Information Pack and Job Application Form.

<https://www.chilternsaonb.org/conservation-board/vacancies/restoring-landscapes-and-biodiversity-after-rail-electrification-project-manager.html>

<https://www.chilternsaonb.org/conservation-board/vacancies/rail-electrification-project-officer.html>



Your next GAP Festival is planned for June 2020 – but we need your support to make it happen!

The dates to put in your 2020 diary are the two long and linked weekends (Friday evening - Sunday evening) of 12-14 and 19-21 June.

The programme has been in the planning stage for several months and we have an exciting range of events and experiences in development for all the family. 2020 will be different from the festivals in 2014, 2016 and 2018. Instead of having the big (and extremely expensive) 500-seater auditorium

with food and bar in the marquee complex on Goring cricket field, we will be utilising many of the local venues and spaces in Goring and Streatley and also some new and special privately-owned spaces few people will have seen, providing new opportunities for very different events.

The Festival, however, can't happen without more volunteers. Could you offer your support – and soon? The core team have the ideas and experience but they can't develop all the plans and make them a reality without some new people on board in this vital planning stage. You don't need any experience in organising festival events, but obviously we would welcome those who have. The most important qualities needed are simply enthusiasm and a sense of wanting to get involved in the community and being part of the local arts scene.

The GAP Festival Trustees

Click Below to find out more about the plans and how to get involved. We look forward to hearing from you.

The GAP Festival is a registered arts charity with the aim of supporting and promoting the arts and science in the community. Our last three festivals have been a great success with many thousands of festival-goers having a very positive experience, and each making a small surplus to plough back into the next one, but each festival needs new blood – people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm, to keep the spirit of the enterprise fresh and adapting to the changing arts scene.

The dedicated and enthusiastic trustees, along with some very artistic supporters, are more than willing to mentor new volunteers and help them along the way with whatever aspect of the festival they would like to be involved in. There are a multitude of things to be done and so whatever you may like to do, there's a role for you. There are certain roles in particular we would like to have additional support in, so if you have interest, and ideally expertise, in the following areas please let us know:

Social Media, PR, Marketing, Production, Design and Event Management.

To find out more, or have an informal chat to any of the trustees, please just email help@thegapfestival.org. In

addition, you can contact directly any of the trustees you may know, including Ron Bridle, Colin Reeves, Rebecca Russell, Jane Dipple, Heather Dunthorne and Caroline Hitch.

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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 4 applications for Goring, 2 for Streatley, and 1 for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Land to the Rear of Sunfield Townsend Road Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9LH
Proposal: New House
Reference Number: [19/01819/FULD](#)
Consultation Deadline: 30 August 2019

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Location: The Brambles Wantage Road Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9LD
Proposal: Car port
Reference Number: [19/01796/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: 3 September 2019

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Ferry House Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL
Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 Tree Protection (General) of planning permission P19/S0613/FUL Installation of purpose built tennis pavilion next to tennis court.
Reference Number: [P19/S2316/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: This application is not subject to public consultation though the target decision date is 2 September 2019

GORING

Location: 26 Valley Close Goring RG8 0AN
Proposal: Single Storey side extension and part garage conversion to habitable space.
Reference Number: [P19/S2306/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 21 August 2019

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Location: The Boathouse High Street Goring RG8 9AB
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions 1 - Commencement 3 yrs - Full Planning Permission, 2 - Approved plans, 3 - Tree protection, 5 - Schedule of Materials, 6 - Turning Area & Car Parking, 7 - Landscaping Scheme (trees and shrubs only), 9 - Withdrawl of Permitted Development Rights, 10 - No Garage conversion into accommodation, 12 - Flooding to application P19/S0336/FUL. Demolition of existing fire damaged dwelling and boathouse. Application for replacement dwelling out of the floodplain. (As amended by drawings received 20 March 2019).
Reference Number: [P19/S2200/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: This application is not subject to public consultation though the target decision date is 22 August 2019

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Location: 12 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0DA
Proposal: Demolition of existing ground floor kitchen and bathroom with internal alterations; proposed two-storey front extension including new snug, hall and utility on ground floor, with new bedrooms and bathroom on first floor; new porch to the front of the property; additional windows to east elevation ground and first floor.
Reference Number: [P19/S2420/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 30 August 2019

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Location: 1 & 2 Little Court Grange Close Goring RG8 9DL
Proposal: Alteration & extension of two existing apartments to form one single family dwelling, plus off street parking.
Reference Number: [P19/S2397/FUL](#)

Consultation Deadline:

No officer has yet been assigned so there is currently no consultation deadline, but the target decision date is 24 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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Village Matters reports on topical events and items of interest to local residents. It is published at the middle and end of each month. It includes planning applications for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke which are open for comment at the date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, the items will refer to Goring-on-Thames, Streatley, South Stoke and the surrounding villages.

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