

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

*Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.*

In this issue: more road closures; news from Goring High Street; vandalism at the Station; how to report online scams; gift from Bellême – and our latest update of new planning applications.



9HG on Mon 16 September, from 5-7pm.

### **This evening – a chance for parishioners in Goring Ward to discuss any issues with your new district councillor, Maggie Filipova-Rivers**

Maggie Filipova-Rivers, the South Oxfordshire District Councillor for Goring Ward (Parishes of Goring and South Stoke), will be holding an open surgery at Goring Parish Council Offices, Red Cross Road, Goring, RG8

## Road Closures

### **1. Closure of Aldworth Road (B4009) in the Westridge Green and Aldworth area, on 19 September between 9.30am & 3.30pm**

This 6 hour closure is to enable contractors to carry out drain clearing in the vicinity.

The closure will be in place from the junction with Reading Road, to the junction with Lewendon Hill. The diversion is via Reading Road, Pangbourne Rd / Pangbourne Hill, Shooters Hill (A329) and vice versa. (Access will be maintained for residents within this stretch of road.)

All enquiries to West Berkshire Council's Highway Maintenance Team on 01635 519080.

You can also view a map of this and other roadworks via this link:

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/roadworks>

### **2. Suspended. The road closure of Streatley Hill (B4009) at The Bull traffic lights has been suspended following repeated problems with the work.**

At the moment the proposal by West Berkshire Council's traffic department is that the road closure will be put back until the school autumn half term period, beginning Monday 28 October. A further announcement in Genie will be made when the details are agreed.

The closure has been for work to reconstruct the chimney of the Bull pub following a traffic incident when an overturned tractor damaged the building.



## Norman Radley

**Norman's family has asked us to include the following announcement:**

**Norman Radley, long-standing Goring resident and pillar of the community, passed away peacefully on Friday 13th September at the Old Vicarage, Moulsoford. He was 99.**

Norman had lived in Goring since 1957, was a long-standing member of the Parish Council and was deeply involved with a wide range of other village organisations. He was awarded the Freedom of Goring in 2002. His many contributions to village life were also recently marked by the unveiling of a plaque on Goring Station.



Funeral arrangements have yet to be finalised, but the service is likely to be held in St Mary's Church, Streatley.

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## Update on what's happening to the empty shops in Goring:



1. The hairdressing salon in Station Road (previously trading as Taylors of Goring), which closed on 12 August, as reported on 16 August, is planning to reopen next month on 4 October.

At this point no further information on the new name for the salon or the management can be revealed, but it is hoped that this will be reported in a subsequent *Genie* newsletter



2. *Original Pilates*, the new Pilates and Yoga Studio at 4 The Arcade, will be open for private (1 person) and group classes (of 2-5 people) between 7am & 7pm, seven days a week.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning Sophia on 07888 222 223 or by visiting [www.originalpilates.co.uk](http://www.originalpilates.co.uk)



3. The name of the new business which may be moving into the vacant shop next to the fish & shop (previously Swift Office Stuff) cannot be revealed at this point, but an announcement may be able to be made in the next issue.



4. The new fish and chip shop in the High Street is slowly moving towards an opening date (not fixed as yet), but the internal decoration is almost complete and the sign over the shop will be put up within a week or so. It will be called, as reported previously, *Riverside Fish & Chips*.



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## The 'Twinning Tap' – a gift from Bellême

Some readers may have noticed the mounted, decorative tap, pictured, which has recently been installed at The Swan Hotel, Streatley.

The tap was a gift from the Bellêmeois to celebrate twinning and is mounted on a stone block bearing the town's crest. The tap was designed to be installed at a location where it could be seen and used by everyone in Goring and Streatley.

A number of locations were investigated, including Goring Village Hall and by the lock, but none proved viable because of issues with water supply, drainage and the amount of special plumbing required. With the full support of the hotel, the tap was installed on the wall of the Boat House near the main entrance and was working for the opening of the Coppa Club on 22 July 2019.

The water is potable and a plaque with an inscription in French and English will be in place by the tap very soon.



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**A new Scams Action Service has been set up by the Citizens Advice charity to help people who have been scammed or defrauded online, or think they may have been affected.**

**If you want to report an online scam, call a Scams Action Specialist Adviser on 0300 330 3003. You can also call if you're acting on behalf of someone else who has been scammed or think they may have been. Citizens Advice will let you know what to do next and give you support with any problems you might be facing.**

The Scams Action Helpline is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm (closed on Bank holidays). There is no charge for calls to the Helpline.

You can also use the 'Chat' service to talk to an adviser on the web. Chat is available from [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

For more guidance telephone Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506 or visit a Citizens Advice centre during opening hours. Details of the locations are on [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale).



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### **Petty vandalism at Goring & Streatley Station**

**This is an example of the petty vandalism which has occurred a number of times, including this weekend, where the floral displays have been destroyed or damaged. The incidents appear to occur late at night and are noticed the following morning. People who witness these events or have information about them should contact the British Transport Police by phone on 0800 40 50 40 or text them on 61016.**

These station displays are provided by volunteers of Goring-on-Thames in Bloom for the benefit of commuters and other station users. They also have formed part of the Bloom group's entry in this summer's RHS Britain in Bloom competitions. Results of the recent judges' visits to Goring will be announced on 24 September (Regional competition) and 25 October (National finals) and *Genie* will report the outcome.

For those who missed the 30 minute BBC2 TV documentary filmed in Goring about the 2017 competition can watch the episode on BBC iPlayer. (Search 'Britain in Bloom' and go to Series 1:14 Goring.)

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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 six applications for Goring, none for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

## STREATLEY

No current applications.

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## SOUTH STOKE

No current applications.

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## GORING

**Location:** The Orchard Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP  
**Proposal:** Demolition of existing 3 storey property, erection of new 2 storey building with basement and the erection of a 'folly'.  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S2541/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 19 September 2019

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**Location:** 48 Cleeve Down Goring RG8 0HA  
**Proposal:** New open porch to front, single-storey side and rear extension  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S2670/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 23 September 2019

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**Location:** 8 Milldown Avenue Goring RG8 0AG  
**Proposal:** Proposed alterations, refurbishment and extension.  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S2798/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 30 September 2019

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**Location:** Chez Nous 40 Gatehampton Rd Goring RG8 0EP  
**Proposal:** Proposed loft conversion and garage conversion.  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S2779/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 30 September 2019

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**Location:** 89 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HL  
**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension.  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S2823/HH](#)

**Consultation Deadline: 4 October 2019**

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**Location:** Upper Gatehampton Farm Goring RG8 9LY  
Proposal: Change of use from an agricultural building to a sui generis mixed use (B1c/B2/B8).  
Reference Number: [P19/S2018/N4C](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 11 October 2019 (Target Decision Date)

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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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**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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