

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 October 2019

In this issue: Revised road closure, Norman Radley funeral details, Streatley Youth Hostel for sale, High Street happenings, volunteers for Brownies needed, fundraising football match and much, much more.— including our latest update of new planning applications.

Revised information: Road Closure of Streatley Hill (B4009) at the Bull traffic lights

The closure will now be on Sunday 6 October 8am - 4pm.

This is the revised information from West Berks Council Highways Department, as reported last issue, when they announced the suspension of the works to repair the chimney of the Bull pub until 28 October.



The closure is expected to be in place between 8am and 4pm but will be lifted sooner if works progress quickly. During the closure all traffic will be diverted via Reading Road, Aldworth Road, Pangbourne Road, Pangbourne Hill, A329 and vice versa. Access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be maintained.

All enquiries should be directed to Volker Highways on 01635 245600 and a plan of the closure can be [found here](#).



Norman Radley

The Funeral Service of Thanksgiving for Norman will be held on Tuesday 1 October at 11.30am at St Mary's Church, Streatley.

As reported in the last issue, Norman died peacefully on 13 September in the Old Vicarage, Moulsoford at the age of 99. Family flowers only please.

Should anyone wish to make a donation to Macmillan Cancer Care, The Motor Neurone Disease Association or the Church of St Mary's, Streatley, they may do so by sending it to c/o Howard Chadwick Funeral Service, 33 Benson Lane, Crowmarsh, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 8ED or online [here](#).

Streatley Youth Hostel is up for sale

The sale notice pictured is currently on a business property website as 'A new and exciting Franchise opportunity'. It is also available for purchase with or without vacant possession (without a YHA Franchise). Estate Agents are already offering the hostel for sale and showing it to interested developers. Freehold £950,000. The YHA's Property Director has stated that, "it remains the YHA Board's clear preference to retain Streatley YH, but the challenge is finding a sustainable model for that."

This subject will be on the agenda of the next Streatley Parish Council meeting on Monday 14 October at 7.45pm in the Morrell Room, Streatley.

Dr Steed, from the family who donated the house to the YHA, appeals to anyone who is concerned about the potential loss of this local and national asset to write to the YHA's Chief Executive Officer, James Blake, by email: jamesblake@yha.org.uk or by post to James Blake, Chief Executive Officer, YHA England & Wales, Trevelyan House, Dimple Road, Matlock, DE4 3YH.

Dr Sarah Steed is a great-granddaughter of Mrs Florence Reiss who, in 1935, donated her house, Hill House, to be a Youth Hostel for the then newly formed Youth Hostel Association. She only very recently discovered the property was up for sale by property agents and was not informed of this by the YHA, as the Title Deeds of the gift of the house did not contain any restrictive covenant. She writes:

Streatley is a very popular hostel, open 365 days, and attracts about 9,000 visitors to the area a year. In 1992 the property was saved from a similar threat following a successful campaign.

Why does the threat of sale matter?

Streatley Youth Hostel is currently a great asset to, and integral part of, the local community. It is popular with hostellers and provides low cost accommodation which is particularly good for young people, schools, sports groups and those of limited means. The hostel is strategically well located with access to the Thames and at the junction of the Thames Path and the Ridgeway, in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

What is happening?

The YHA has a large portfolio of properties and is looking at ways to finance these long term, in part through sales. If the property was sold outright and unconditionally, there might be no hostel.

If the property was sold to an appropriate developer there might be a 'tie-in' clause to continue running the hostel for a few years. If the hostel is not sold there will be the on-going expenses of maintaining an aging building.

What is the aim?

The fundamental aim is to ensure that Streatley Youth Hostel continues as a Youth Hostel with the Youth Hostel Association for a long time into the future, just as the original gift was intended. We do not want to lose this facility or only have it for just a few more years.

What can we do?

Many people value Streatley Youth Hostel hugely and for a variety of reasons. If you wish to express your concern please contact the YHA's CEO, James Blake now. It is important for various voices to be heard. I think together we can make a difference to the outcome.

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To see how the property is being marketed, see this [website](#).

A brief history of Hill House can be [found here](#)



Goring wins 6th Gold Medal, Best in Category trophy and Regional Community Involvement Award in RHS Britain in Bloom competition

In the first of the two competitions Goring-on-Thames in Bloom entered this summer, they struck gold in the Small Town category at the Thames & Chilterns Regional RHS Britain in Bloom awards ceremony on 24 September.

This is the group's 5th Gold in succession and as their total points of 91% across all judging categories topped the score board, they were also awarded the 'Best in Category' trophy.

The Regional Community Involvement Award is given to the one community in the Region (Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire) showing the most community commitment. The fourth award was the Highly Recommended Certificate for Goring Primary School's imaginative and productive courtyard vegetable garden.

The results of the second competition Goring entered this summer (National Finals, Small Town category), will be announced on 25 October in London. Goring is one of eight communities throughout the UK in this category competing for medals and the results will be reported in the Genie newsletter at the end of October.

The photographs shows (left to right): Rosie Brook, Stephanie Bridle, Ron Bridle and Janet Hurst.

High Street Happenings

Riverside Fish & Chips in Goring High Street opened on Friday 27 September

The long-awaited opening day saw the first customers, Penny Marks and children Charlie and Ellie of Goring, as soon as the door opened at 5pm on Friday. Business owner, Muhammed 'Abul' Hasan, has employed a chef/manager who will run the shop starting on Monday 30 September.

'Frying times' will be Sunday - Friday 4.30pm - 9.30pm and Saturday 12noon - 9.30pm. In addition to a range of traditional fish & chips, burgers and other options are available.



The 'Marvellous Hair Co', the hairdressing salon in Goring Arcade, to move in to the old Swift Office Stuff shop in Goring High Street on 29 October

Lorraine ('Loz') Hawkins and son, Luke, directors of the business, are excited about the near doubling of space they will have in the new location. This, they say, will enable them to realise their ambitious plans to upgrade their salon and services they offer.

October marks the 3rd birthday for the salon and there will be a launch party on the evening before the opening of the new salon on 28 October. A new tenant will be sought for the Arcade unit being vacated at the end of October.

The hairdressing salon in Station Road will open on 4 October under new management

The salon, previously trading as 'Taylors of Goring', which we reported suddenly closed on 12 August, is currently undergoing refurbishment in preparation for reopening on Friday.



Caroline Pierrepont wishes to pass on the reins of the Goring Grocer so that it can continue to serve its customers

As the 4th anniversary of the opening of the Goring Grocer approaches, Caroline feels she wants to maintain the store for the customers and staff but step back and allow someone else with similar ideas to take over the reins and move the business forward. Following the passing of Stuart, her husband and business partner, who, together with Caroline, conceived, developed and managed the store, Caroline's circumstances have changed but she has continued to produce Stuart's cooking as well as run a business that has an enormous, and ever-growing reputation. If you would like to read more, please [click here](#).

What's On in October?

Below is a selection of just some of the upcoming events from the Genie calendar. There are many more, so check it out online ([Genie calendar](#)) where there are also details of how you can submit your own events for free publication.

28 September weekend:

- Ridgeway Ramble in aid of South Stoke Community Building Project
- 'Yes' tribute concert in Goring Village Hall
- Michael Howell Organ Recital in Streatley Church

5 October weekend:

- Louise Marshall & Derek Nash (members of the Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Orchestra) Epilepsy Society fundraising gig
- Come and sing evensong in Goring Church

Wednesday 9 October:

- Local author LP Fergusson at Goring Library to talk about her latest novel which is set in the countryside around Blewbury.

Wednesday 16 October:

- British Modern Military History Society Talk: British Airborne Landing at Arnhem in 1944 – Myth and Reality

Friday 18 October:

- 'An Afternoon with Agatha' in aid of Versus Arthritis
- Led Zep Project 6 – concert

Sunday 20 October:

- Piano recital by Janet Pound

Saturday 26 October:

- John Kirkpatrick in concert
- Goring Chamber Choir at Douai Abbey



Goring United v British Army team on Thursday 3 October in Abingdon in a fundraising match for the PC Harper Family Fund. K.O. 7.30pm

All proceeds from the match (Entry is by donation at the gate) will go to PC Harper's family fund. The gates will open at 6.30pm at the Abingdon Town Football Club, Culham Road, Abingdon, OX14 3HP and all are welcome to support the cause.

The Goring team is playing 421 Squadron, 11 EOD Regiment, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search Regiment based in Didcot, which is the Army's specialist unit responsible for counter terrorist bomb disposal and the safe recovery of other munitions. So, it should be a special match and one not to miss.

For further information about the match, contact Bob Hussain on 07877 656850 and check out the websites of the two teams: [British Army Team](#) and [Goring FC](#).

NB: Sunday 29 September is National Police Memorial Day, an annual event with the aim of remembering police officers who have been killed or died on duty and for their relatives, friends and colleagues. See more [here](#).

If you can't make it to the match, but would like to make a donation to the PC Harper Family Fund you can do this online using [this link](#).

The PC Harper Family Fund is sponsored by Peppard Building Supplies.

Volunteer(s) urgently needed to keep the Goring 1st Brownies running

Could you help? Brownies is run by volunteers and the group desperately needs another leader, as well as another unit helper.

Hundreds of local girls have enjoyed being part of the Goring 1st Brownies group over the years, but unfortunately Brownies has not been able to re-commence this term, due to 'understaffing'.



The group meets 10 times a term (6-7.15pm on a Monday night in Storton Lodge, the 'Scout Hut', in Icknield

Road, Goring), and there may be the option of sharing the role, so the volunteer could just be involved every other week.

Any female over 18 can be a leader and it is a most rewarding role, working directly with the girls, supporting them and helping them to grow into confident young women. There are a range of exciting activities, some in the Scout Hut, some around and about, eg enjoying visits to the Sailing Club, pantomime, singing carols in the local care homes etc.

The leaders would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the team. As well as learning 'on the job', there's great support from the Guiding community, official training sessions and online resources.

If you would like to find out more, please contact mrslisachick@gmail.com or for more information [see here](#).



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, none for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

No current applications.

SOUTH STOKE

Location:

Land at Woodcote Road South Stoke RG8 0JJ

Application for approval of reserved matters relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following application P17/S3206/O for residential development (up to 5 dwellings), and associated works, including access. Discharge of conditions 1-16 on application ref.

Proposal:

P17/S3206/O. 1 - Submission of RM and commencement, 2 - Approved plans 3 - Dwellings not to exceed 5, 4 - Mix of dwellings. 5 - Landscaping scheme, 6 - Tree protection 7 - Biodiversity enhancement and mitigation 8 - Surface water drainage, 9 - Access 10 - Vision splay, 11 - Construction Traffic Management Plan 12 - No surface water drainage to highway 13 - Details of refuse and recycling storage, 14 - Fire Hydrants 15 - Hours of operation, 16 - Construction Method Statement

Reference Number:

[P19/S2865/RM](#)

Consultation Deadline:

16 October 2019

GORING

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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Location:	Dorvic Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX
Proposal:	Proposed Garden Design Studio
Reference Number:	P19/S2920/HH
Consultation Deadline:	15 October 2019
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Location:	7 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS
Proposal:	2 storey rear extension and loft conversion
Reference Number:	P19/S2930/HH
Consultation Deadline:	17 October 2019
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Location:	Chalfont Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES
Proposal:	Demolition of existing garage and additions of x2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension, new car port and boundary walls. Revisions to parking surfaces and layout to front of property.
Reference Number:	P19/S2950/HH
Consultation Deadline:	17 October 2019
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Location:	Land to the east of Manor Road to the south of Little Croft and to west of Elmcroft Manor Road
Proposal:	Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access
Reference Number:	P19/S2923/O
Consultation Deadline:	23 October 2019
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Location:	22 Clevedon Goring RG8 9BU
Proposal:	Discharge of condition 5 - tree protection on application P19/S1696/HH for single storey rear and side extension.
Reference Number:	P19/S2937/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Not subject to public consultation –Target Decision Date 29 October 2019
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Location:	51 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY
Proposal:	Single-storey rear/side infill extension, block up existing doorway and create a new doorway on side elevation to coincide with internal alterations.
Reference Number:	P19/S2955/HH
Consultation Deadline:	TBA (when officer is allocated)

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>

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

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