

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

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*Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 November.*

**In this issue:** Prestigious win for Goring; Streatley Youth Hostel under threat; dates for your diary; more road closures, firework safety – and our latest update of new planning applications including the Manor Road site



### A campaign, 'Stop the Sale of Streatley Youth Hostel', has been launched to try to prevent the loss of this local asset

In the 28 September issue of Genie, we reported that the YHA had put the property on the market. At the time of writing, nine parties have viewed Hill House, mostly property developers. It is being marketed online and by a local estate agent for £950,000 Freehold as a 9-bed detached house with vacant possession.

The organisers ask people who want to support the campaign to go to its Facebook page at [@stopsaleofstreatleyYHA](#) to read more about the current position and what you can do to help. Alternatively, if you prefer, to join just email

[stopsaleofstreatleyyha@gmail.com](mailto:stopsaleofstreatleyyha@gmail.com)

The family who donated the house in 1935 to the YHA is appealing to anyone who is concerned about the potential loss of this local and national asset, and facility for young people to enjoy the local countryside, to write to the YHA's Chief Executive Officer, James Blake, by email: [jamesblake@yha.org.uk](mailto:jamesblake@yha.org.uk) or by post to James Blake, Chief Executive Officer, YHA England & Wales, Trevelyan House, Dimple Road, Matlock, DE4 3YH.

On the Facebook page, you can sign up to the campaign and there are letter templates and names and addresses to write to, in order to express your view. The campaign will keep you informed of progress and the help needed. You can also view the campaign's leaflet [here](#).

## More Road Closures in Streatley and Aldworth

**An 18 day road closure on Streatley Hill and a one day closure in Aldworth planned for November.**

1. Gigaclear is extending its broadband fibre network and Streatley Hill will be closed between 11 and 28 November daily from 9.30am to 3pm from the junction of Wallingford Road to the junction of The Coombe. Gigaclear say, however, these times may change.



The remaining sections of the network to be completed, which include some private land where access has been agreed, are still being confirmed. Once a complete programme of works is drawn up, there will be further information from Gigaclear.

Further details available from Christopher Morris Gigaclear's Community Engagement Manager for Berkshire ([chris.morris@gigaclear.com](mailto:chris.morris@gigaclear.com) Mobile: 07967 443214).

## 2. A one day road closure in Aldworth on Wednesday 6 November between 8am and 5pm

The Unnamed Road from the B4009 to Ambury Road in Aldworth will be closed for drainage investigation works. All through traffic will be diverted via the B4009, Bell Lane and vice versa.

All enquiries should be directed to West Berkshire Council Highways Drainage Team on 01635 519080. A plan of the closure can be found at <https://one.network/?tm=115337333>



Janet Hurst, Baroness Floella Benjamin OBE, Stephanie Bridle. © RHS/Richard Dawson

### Goring-on-Thames in Bloom wins Gold Medal and also 'Best Small Town in the UK' award in RHS Britain in Bloom National Competition

At the national awards ceremony and dinner in London's Lindley Hall, Westminster on Friday evening (25 October) about 450 contestants from 68 communities throughout the UK awaited the results of their horticultural, community-building and environmental endeavours.

The Goring-on-Thames in Bloom committee represented the 150 or so villagers who, in some way, contributed to the local gardening and other community activities

throughout the year. They were delighted to be awarded a Gold medal and also the prestigious national award of Best Small Town in the UK. For further details

The judging criteria applicable for all categories from Small Village to City is based on census data and Goring is just a hundred or so people above the Large Village number, so it is placed in the Small Town category (3,000-6,000 people).

Sixty percent of the marks are allocated to non-horticultural activities with 30% for Environmental Responsibility, 30% for Community Participation and the remaining 40% for Horticultural Achievement. In all 3 sectors, Goring achieved Gold.

In their written report, the judges remarked on a number of areas where Goring excelled. The hanging baskets were said to be the best they had seen anywhere in the UK and especially won praise as, unlike all other communities' baskets seen in the competition, Goring's were all homemade and watered by volunteers and not readymade by commercial suppliers.

The 'Sunflower Shower' made from recycled single-use plastics was said to be an imaginative way of involving the community and sent out a positive environmental message. The quality of perennial planting was also recognised and especially evident at the large railway station garden, along with other creative projects to enhance the station, such as the wildflower mural.

## Firework Safety advice from RoSPA

**Have fun when you set off your fireworks – but follow the Firework Code in the link below and keep safe.**

<https://www.rospa.com/Home-Safety/Advice/Fireworks-Safety>

Despite annual safety warnings, firework celebrations still end in painful injuries for too many people, including very young children, says the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).



Don't forget, unlike children, animals don't like fireworks. Flashes and bangs make them really frightened. For pet owners, here is a video from the RSPCA about how you can help reduce their fear:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3krrbz\\_Dr8#action=share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3krrbz_Dr8#action=share)

## What's on in November?

Below is a selection of just some of the upcoming events from the Genie calendar. There are many more, so please check it out online (<https://www.genienews.org/enewsletters/calendar-events-planner/>) where there are also details of how you can submit your own events for free publication.



<u>Fri 1</u>	Story telling in the Morrell Room – <i>Beowulf from Grendel's point of view</i>
<u>Sat 2</u>	Faure's <i>Requiem</i> – workshop 2pm, performance 5pm Goring & Streatley Starter Band 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday concert at 8pm
<u>Fri 8</u>	South Stoke Fireworks from 6pm The Gap Gig – Gareth Lochrane Quintet at 8pm
<u>Wed 13</u>	Talk in Woodcote: <i>The sad case of Signelman Taylor: A murder court martial</i>
<u>Sat 16</u>	Talk in Woodcote: <i>The future of your medical practice</i> Concert – Guitarist LeBurn Maddox with The Album Experience
<u>Wed 20-Sat 23</u>	Goring Gap Players present: <i>Sense and Sensibility</i>
<u>Thurs 21</u>	Pick-a-Flick: <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
<u>Sat 23</u>	Goring Christmas Fair 10am-4pm
<u>Sat 30</u>	Concert: <i>Sounds of Advent</i> in St Mary's Church Richard Ingram's Illustrated Cartoon talk in Aldworth

## Some dates for your calendar



**Saturday 16 November, 2-3.30pm – Open meeting on 'The Future of Your Practice' in Woodcote Village Hall**

Learn about the changes in Primary Care and how they will affect the Practice, with talks by Dr Simon Morris (Executive Partner) and Dr Ed Capo-Blanco (Partner and Locality Clinical Director).

This is a repeat of the over-subscribed meeting held in Goring Village Hall on 15 June.

**Friday 6 December, 5-8pm – The traditional Christmas Fair evening in Goring Arcade and High Street**



A chance for children to see Santa, Goring's fire engine and crew, visit stalls and enjoy festive fun for the whole family, as well as some early Christmas shopping.



**Goring Parish Council Planning Committee recommend approval of the planning application for 20 new houses on the land to the east of Manor Road, Goring**

At the planning meeting on Tuesday evening (29 October) the council discussed one of the applications for new dwellings on a site proposed in the Goring Neighbourhood Plan which was approved by Goring residents in the recent Referendum.



It is an outline planning application, so there are a number of Reserved Matters that will need to be confirmed in order to be compliant with the Goring Neighbourhood Plan. The application on SODC's website can be viewed here: [P19/S2923/O](#).



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 nine applications for Goring, six for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

## STREATLEY

**Location:** West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9HY

**Proposal:** Application for approval of details reserved by Conditions (3) Samples of Materials, (6) Tree Protection, (7) Arboricultural method statement, (8) Arboricultural watching brief and (9) Archaeological watching brief of planning permission 19/01227/HOUSE- Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with a single storey rear conservatory; single storey side / rear extension incorporating five hidden roof lights; terraced garden; the installation of 3 roof lights at second floor level; and the insertion of one new window to the existing side dormer.

**Reference Number:** [19/02492/COND1](#)

**Consultation Deadline:** 1 November 2019

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**Location:** West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9HY

**Proposal:** Application for approval of details reserved by Conditions (3) Materials sample, (5) Archaeological watching brief, (8) Access construction before dev, (9) Tree protection scheme, (10) Arboricultural Method Statement, (11) Arboricultural supervision condition, (13) Soffits and fascias and (14) Driveway materials of planning permission 19/00878/HOUSE - Single storey detached outbuilding comprising a double garage with attached carport and store and associated hardstanding.

**Reference Number:** [19/02494/COND1](#)

**Consultation Deadline:** 1 November 2019

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**Location:** 2 Adderbury Cottages The Coombe Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9QU

**Proposal:** Erection of 2.4m x 2.4m log cabin at rear of garden for use as a summerhouse.

**Reference Number:** [19/02498/HOUSE](#)

**Consultation Deadline:** 4 November 2019

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**Location:** **Beechcombe House The Coombe Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9QT**  
**Proposal:** Proposed cladding in timber boarding to the first floor elevations. A single storey extension at the rear of the house. A new garden room to replace existing shed, canopy over the front door.  
**Reference Number:** [19/02638/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **19 November 2019**

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**Location:** **Land To The Rear Of Sunfield Townsend Road Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9LH**  
**Proposal:** New House  
**Reference Number:** [19/02641/FULD](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **20 November 2019**

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**Location:** **1 Church Croft Cottage Church Lane Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9HU**  
**Proposal:** T1 - Purple Prunus tree to be removed and a cutting planted in Location A (see location plan), This will avoid the tree overhanging the lane and facilitate an increase in the porous hardstanding area at the end of the garden. Jon Thomas, WBC Tree Officer attended the site and advised tree is not subject to a Tree Preservation Order and removal would be OK. However, formal notification was required as the tree is on the conservation area boundary.  
**Reference Number:** [19/02655/TPC](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **No deadline indicated**

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## SOUTH STOKE

**Location:** **Land at Woodcote Road South Stoke RG8 0JJ**  
**Proposal:** 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. (As amended by Site Plan PP1012-A, Soft Landscape Plan 0747.1.1 Rev D, Landscape Visual Impact Assessment V4 01.10.19 and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Update 2019 and amended Construction Method Statement and visibility splays accompanying email from agent received 15 October 2019 and Arboricultural Method Statement updated October 2019 and Drainage Plan 003 Revision P9) Discharge of conditions 1-16 on application ref. 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:** **12 November 2019**

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## GORING

**Location:** **45 Elvendon Road Road Goring RG8 0DP**  
**Proposal:** Re-roof and walling to convert existing conservatory to habitable room  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S3138/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **1 November 2019**

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**Location:** **Spring Hill 70 Wallingford Rd Goring RG8 0HN**  
**Proposal:** Replace existing roof. New hip to gable ends with gables and dormer to front and rear elevations

Reference Number: [P19/S3201/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **6 November 2019**

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**Location:** **3 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU**  
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 - alteration of design of the dwellings on application ref. P18/S2900/FUL Erection of 2 dwellings  
Reference Number: [P19/S3011/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **7 November 2019**

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**Location:** **21 Clevedon Goring RG8 9BU**  
Proposal: Discharge of condition 4 - Tree Protection to application P19/S1050/HH Single storey rear extension with roof terrace above  
Reference Number: [P19/S3165/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** ***Not subject to public consultation Target decision date 20 November 2019***

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**Location:** **The Boathouse High Street Goring RG8 9AB**  
Proposal: Discharge of condition 4 - Services locations to application P19/S0336/FUL Demolition of existing fire damaged dwelling and boathouse. Application for replacement dwelling out of the floodplain  
Reference Number: [P19/S3180/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** ***Not subject to public consultation Target decision date 21 November 2019***

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**Location:** **The Pavilion Thames Road Goring RG8 9AH**  
Proposal: Variation of conditions of application P19/S1699/FUL and permission P18/S1983/FUL  
Reference Number: [P19/S3274/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **TBA (when officer is allocated)**

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**Location:** **7 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS**  
Proposal: Two storey rear extension and loft conversion. New Velux windows to side elevations  
Reference Number: [P19/S3272/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **TBA (when officer is allocated)**

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**Location:** **St Katherines House Lyndhurst Road Goring RG8 9BL**  
Proposal: Single-storey side extension with roof lights  
Reference Number: [P19/S3343/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **TBA (when officer is allocated)**

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**Location:** **Bromsgrove Croft Road Goring Reading RG8 9ES**  
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (drawings) - omission of garage to existing dwelling and to have the existing dwelling and proposed dwelling as separate entities on application ref. P19/S0540/FUL Demolition of existing attached triple garage and replacement with a detached triple garage, proposed railings to the front of the existing dwelling. Erection of a new 5-bed dwelling with linked garage on land to the rear.  
Reference Number: [P19/S3382/FUL](#)  
**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>

Information on how to comment on a WBC application:

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

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