

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is February 12

In this issue: Goring & Streatley Station on TV; proposed changes to Goring High Street; Firefighters urgently needed; What's On in February; and more – plus our latest update of new planning applications.

Goring Parish Council Clerk Colin Ratcliff Retires



A temporary Clerk and new Assistant Clerk appointed

After over five years, Goring Parish Council's Clerk has decided to retire. Though the 31 January is officially Colin's last day, because of scheduling and some time off that was due, Wednesday 29 January was Colin's last day. The Parish Council will formally thank Colin for all his excellent work at the next Parish Council meeting. Colin has graciously offered to serve on a consultancy basis for the coming months to help with the transition and to provide support for the new Clerk, the Assistant Clerks and the Parish Council.

Though a new Clerk was appointed at the December Parish Council meeting, prior to taking on the role the acceptance was withdrawn by the appointee due to some previously unforeseen family circumstances. At the same December meeting an additional Assistant Clerk was appointed: Samantha Jones. Sam began working in the new role from last week. Cllr Bryan Urbick will take on the role of Clerk in the interim period until a new Clerk is found, though Assistant Clerks Mike Ward and Samantha Jones will manage most of the day-to-day responsibilities.

All the contact information remains the same: telephone 01491 874 444 or e-mail clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk



ITV news feature on Goring and GWR mobile assistance scheme

An ITV broadcast featuring Goring Station was filmed on 24 January and broadcast at 6 o'clock that evening.

Great Western Railway has set up a dedicated team of staff to assist disabled passengers across its network in the Thames Valley.

Campaigners in Goring-on-Thames have worked with the company to make this a reality.

You can see full details by clicking this link:

<https://www.itv.com/news/meridian/2020-01-24/great-western-railway-staff-to-help-disabled-passengers-travel-in-thames-valley/>

Photo competition to provide funds for cash-strapped village halls

The competition is designed to champion and emphasise the vital role that halls play in building rural communities. The top prize is £1,000 to the village hall and £500 to the photographer.

Here are the key points about the competition:

- Top prize is £1,000 to the village hall and £500 to the photographer. There are other prizes.

- Theme: 'Village Life – a photo which characterises the value of community in your village.'
- This is not about 'pretty villages' or professional photography, but rather capturing the essence of 'community'.
- It's open to all rural halls. No fee to enter. Halls can enter as many photos as they wish.
- Closing date is 15 March.

Details and rules are available from

<https://villagehallsurvey.com/survey/photo-competition>



Firefighters urgently needed

Just seven firefighters are now based at the Fire Station in Icknield Road, Goring. This number has dropped from nine last year and 12 in 2016.

At least 7 more are needed. They are employed on an on-call basis and so must either live or work in Goring. Contrary to popular belief, this is a paid, professional role. Watch Manager, Sean Absolom, says, "It's a great way to earn some extra money. This is such a great organisation to be part of, so I would encourage anyone to give it a go. It's fun but challenging."

Candidates – male or female – must be over 18, live or work within five minutes of the station and be able to respond immediately when needed. They must be able to pass basic strength and fitness tests and show they are not afraid of working at height or in enclosed spaces.

If you can spare about 40 hours a week and would like to find out more, please visit

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/working-oxfordshire-county-council/fire-service-recruitment/call-firefighters>

What's On – for the month of February

A selection from the February events on the Genie calendar. Events are in Goring unless otherwise stated.

Please see:

<https://www.genienews.org/enewsletters/calendar-events-planner/calendar/> for more details



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| Saturday 1 | Last chance to see <i>Murder in the Cathedral</i> at St Thomas' |
| | Folk music in Cholsey from Crows |
| Sunday 2 | Hairy Leg Runners Sunday trot and GGBC 'Go Row' day |
| Wednesday 5 | 'Stay and Play' at the library |
| | Evening – AGM of Goring Village Hall 7pm |
| | BMMHS talk in Woodcote: <i>Our man in Hamburg – a true spy tale</i> |
| Thursday 6 | 'Harry Potter night' – celebrations in the library |

- Monday 10 Stop the Sale of Streatley YHA – Public Meeting in the Garden room
- Wednesday 12 GAP Textile Group meeting in the Canterbury Room
WI meeting – Alan Winchcomb on *Writers, Artists and Musicians of the Goring Gap*
- Friday 14 Schools' half term week starts. Woo hoo.
- Saturday 15 The Chamber choir sing the *Durufle Requiem* in Douai Abbey
- Saturday 22 Piano Recital by Christopher Burrows, St Mary's, Streatley
- Thursday 27 U3A – *Musical life in Russia*
- Friday 28 Goring Unplugged



Streatley Book Exchange

There's still an "evesie" about! Eve Lawson-Statham has adorned the Streatley Book Exchange with images for the new decade.

It is great news that we can look forward to more "evesies" – the windows she created at Elm House, at the Streatley crossroads, brought smiles to many passers-by, giving a huge amount of pleasure. Everyone will be pleased to know we may see more of her artistic creations.

Keep an eye on the Book Exchange near the traffic lights in Streatley. Meanwhile don't forget that you can pop along to the Book Exchange any time and pick up a book, exchange a book for one you no longer want or just leave your unwanted books for others to enjoy. Since opening, the Exchange has turned over a large number of books. It all helps to reduce our daily waste.

Proposed Works to Goring High Street

Further to the public consultation in June 2017, which received 84 replies, Goring Parish Council is now seeking approval from Oxfordshire County Council for the proposed works.



The top-line results were as follows:

Point A	Raised Table outside Davis Tate	87% Support, 13% Against
Point B	Amend pavement outside Mary S	92% Support, 8% Against
Point C	Build Out give way outside Arcade	83% Support, 17% Against

After considering the consultation response, the Council agreed to proceed with implementing the works. As Goring Parish Council had instigated this project, it would need to be funded by the Parish Council including appointment of Highway Consultants (a requirement by Oxfordshire County Council), determination of construction costs and payment for the works. To fund works of this type the Parish Council is permitted to use Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds and it was late in 2019 that it was decided to start the process i.e. appoint consultants to produce the scheme design.

GPC has now received the proposed scheme drawings, which have been passed to OCC Highways (OCCH) for their approval before GPC can seek tenders for the works. As the drawings have not been cleared by OCCH they cannot be made public, but GPC has previously been informed the illustration in the consultation should be adequate.

This can be seen by clicking [this link](#).

Name Change in Goring Arcade

Regulars of the Arcade in Goring will soon notice a name change at Winser Financial Services Limited.

Winser Financial Services is soon to become Prosperity Financial Services and Stockbrokers. Business will



remain the same for the foreseeable future for existing and new clients.

Feel free to pop in if you have any questions.



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, two for Streatley, and three for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Sunfield Townsend Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (3) materials (4) tree protection (5) access closure and (7) access surfacing of approved 17/01476/FULD - Erection of one dwelling and garage and formation of new access.
Reference Number: [20/00060/COND1](#)
Consultation Deadline: 31 January 2020

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Location: The Lodge Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH
Proposal: Demolition of garage, erection of a 2 storey extension linked to the existing dwelling | The Lodge Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH
Reference Number: [20/00150/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: 18 February 2020

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Barracks Farm Wallingford Road North Stoke OX10 6AZ
Proposal: Change of use of farm workshop for B2 use.
Reference Number: [P20/S0004/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 4 February 2020

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Location: **The Old Vicarage The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS**
Proposal: To change the use of a cowshed & dairy, to make half of the building to a dog daycare centre and the other half to a vehicle storage
Reference Number: [P19/S4364/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **5 February 2020**

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Location: **Greenacres Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JP**
Proposal: Proposed two storey extension to provide bedroom and utility room. Proposed single storey extension providing dining room. Alterations to front elevation.
Reference Number: [P20/S0266/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **14 February 2020**

GORING

Location: **Goring C Of E Primary School Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0BG**
Proposal: Renewal of Planning Consent for existing single classroom temporary building.
Reference Number: [P20/S0076/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **3 February 2020**

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Location: **Luffield House 85A Wallingford Road RG8 0HL**
Proposal: Oak frame two bay car port.
Reference Number: [P20/S0107/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **7 February 2020**

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Location: **Mount Pleasant Farm Goring Heath RG8 7TB**
Proposal: Erection of a single dwelling house (application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use)
Reference Number: [P19/S4570/LDE](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target Decision Date 10 February 2020**

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Location: **Land adjacent to Pips Barn Gatehampton RG8 9LU**
Proposal: Barn for B1 use
Reference Number: [P19/S4571/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **12 February 2020**

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Location: **Land to the rear of Cleeve Cottages Icknield Road Goring-on-Thames**
Proposal: Discharge/variation of conditions of application P19/S0538/FUL.
Reference Number: [P20/S0096/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target Decision Date 19 February 2020**

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Location: **The Pavilion Thames Road Goring RG8 9AH**
Proposal: Discharge/variation of conditions to P19/S1699/FUL & P18/S1983/FUL
Reference Number: [P20/S0299/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target Decision Date 4 March 2020**

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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