

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

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*Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 January*

**In this issue:** *Another road closure, Genie's 1000th subscriber; Gap Festival this summer; Stop the Sale of Streatley YHA meeting; Citizens Advice Bureau seeks volunteers; Successful Twinning Association meeting; Some dates for your diary – and our latest update of new planning applications.*

### Genie's 1,000th subscriber!

To mark the occasion of being the 1,000th subscriber to Genie, Sara Richards of Goring was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Ron Bridle.

If you think Genie is useful, do forward this to your friends and suggest they also subscribe.



### Road Closure – Aldworth Road between Aldworth and Compton

Due to complications during previous works, Openreach contractors need to close the following road so as to consolidate the existing ductwork, therefore Aldworth Road will be closed from the 27 to 31 January 2020, from the junction of Coombe Road to Unnamed road from Aldworth Road to Uplands (near Pibworth Farm).

The closure will be in place during the hours of 9.30am to 3.30pm each day, this is hoped to allow ease of access to those getting to and from The Downs and Compton schools.

The main diversion route (some locals may choose to use narrower lanes) will be via School Rd, High St, Ilsley Rd, Unnamed Rd From Ilsley Rd to Newbury Hill, Water St, & Haw Lane (B4009) and vice versa.

**Blue Light access will be permitted at all times** along with resident access.

Click on link for further details: <https://one.network/?tm=116094978>

### Local Councillor 'Surgery' on 20 January

Local SODC Councillor, Maggie Filipova-Rivers will be holding another 'Surgery' on 20 January. This will take place from 5 to



7pm in the Goring Parish Council Office.

For details of future 'surgery' dates, please see the [Genie Calendar](#).



## Stop the Sale of Streatley YHA – Public Meeting

A public meeting will take place on **Monday 10 February at 7pm in the Garden Room at the Goring Village Hall**. This will be an opportunity to meet with supporters and share the details of the campaign and progress made so far.

Dr Sarah Steed, the great-granddaughter of Florence Reiss, who gifted the property to the YHA will be there with some fascinating history about the house and how it came to be gifted to the YHA to sustain her great-grandmother's wonderful legacy. And her father David

will also be attending, he being the husband of the late Annette Steed who led the successful campaign to prevent the earlier threatened sale between 1990 and 1992.

The campaigners will also be launching their official campaign document at the meeting. This sets out not only the substantive grounds for opposing the sale, but highlights the misleading statements that the YHA have made to date, as they attempt to sell the family silver.

For those who are not aware of what this is about – The YHA say they need to sell the asset as it requires 'substantial' investment. The campaigners claim that they fail, however, to address the concerns that have been raised by a substantial number of people; their only concession is that they are not now selling the property directly, preferring to offer it for sale on a 'franchise' basis, conditional on it being run as a youth hostel for just 3 years. After that the likelihood is that the property could be knocked down and the site redeveloped.

## Memorial Service for George Jamieson

The memorial service for George Jamieson, who died on 13 December 2019, will be held on **Friday 14 February**, at 11.30am in St Mary's Church Streatley.



## Goring & District Twinning Association

The Twinning Association writes:

'As heralded in the previous edition of *Genie*, the AGM of the Goring and District Twinning Association (GDTA) was held on Thursday 9 January. Thank you to all those who attended. We are delighted that the motions to amend the constitution reducing the size of the Management Committee and its quorum were passed unanimously.

'Our Twinning relationship with Bellême over the last forty years is now set to continue and we plan to run a coach to Bellême for the celebrations of the 40th Anniversary of Bellême's Twinning with Stühlingen during the weekend of Friday 29 May 2020 to Monday 1 June 2020. More details to follow, but please keep the dates free if you would like to join us.

'More details about GDTA are available on our website: <http://www.goring-twinning.co.uk/> '

## Save the dates – the next Gap Festival is coming!

Our 4th community arts festival will be staged between **12 and 21 June**, so put these dates in your diary now.

Some snippets of this year's exciting programme, which includes a world premier event, will be in the next *Goring Gap News*. Details of the full programme and tickets will be available in April through the festival's website and The Care Hub in Goring Arcade.



## Citizens Advice in South and Vale needs volunteers

Help is required with:

- Reception duties in Abingdon, Henley and Thame
- Advisers in Abingdon and Didcot
- Head office administration in Abingdon
- IT support in Didcot and Thame
- Fundraising (from any location)
- Communications and website designers (from any location)

They are a local charity providing free, confidential advice. Last year, their 150 skilled advisers helped over 11,000 local people from advice centres in Abingdon, Didcot, Faringdon, Henley, Thame and Wallingford.

Many people who come to them face difficult and sometimes frightening problems that threaten to overwhelm them. In 2019 they helped three quarters to resolve their problems.

Citizens Advice offers volunteers a welcoming office environment and an opportunity to gain new skills, meet new people and make a real and valued contribution to their community.

It's up to you when you volunteer. They normally ask for two half days a week but can be flexible. If you are interested, please follow this link: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/>

Or, if you would like to discuss these volunteering roles, please email Jon Bright, Director: [jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:jon.bright@osavcab.org.uk)



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, none for Streatley, and two for South Stoke.

## STREATLEY

None

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## 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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## GORING

**Location:** Nuns Acre Boathouse Thames Road Goring RG8 9AH  
**Proposal:** Installation of mini pumping sump & foul drainage  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S4190/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 16 January 2020

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**Location:** Land to rear of Cleeve Cottages Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG  
**Proposal:** Discharge of Condition (Habitat Management Plan) on P19/S0538/FUL - erection of up to ten dwellings with associated parking and amenity space.  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S4421/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Not subject to public consultation - Target Decision Date 20 January 2020

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**Location:** 8 Whitehills Green Goring RG8 0EB  
**Proposal:** Demolition of rear conservatory, to be replaced with single storey rear garden room extension.  
**Reference Number:** [P19/S4628/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 21 January 2020

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**Location:** 1-12, 12A, 14-40 Towse Court Icknield Place Goring RG8 0DN  
**Proposal:** Modification of planning obligation following application P11/S0098 dated 21-11-12.

Reference Number: [P20/S0046/MPO](#)  
**Consultation Deadline: 28 January 2020**

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**Location:** Lane End House Manor Road Goring RG8 9EB  
Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension, including first floor balcony, detached garage/car port and shed  
Reference Number: [P19/S4677/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline: 29 January 2020**

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**Location:** Heathercroft Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT  
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of 3 dwellings, with detached garages & access  
Reference Number: [P20/S0017/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline: 30 January 2020**

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**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:** 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 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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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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