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

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*Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 March*

**In this issue:** Goring Hardware for sale; new owner for Streatley School of Dance; meeting re future of Streatley Youth Hostel; What's On in March – and our latest update of new planning applications.

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### Public Meeting on the Future of Streatley Youth Hostel

**Over 50 local residents filled the Garden Room of Goring Village Hall on Thursday evening 27 February for the first public meeting with the Youth Hostels Association to hear why Streatley Youth Hostel is up for sale.**

Streatley Parish Council chairman, Jeremy Spring, chaired the meeting between representatives of the trustees and the board of the YHA and those of the Stop the Sale of Streatley YHA Campaign.



The local campaign group is challenging the YHA's decision to sell Hill House, which was donated to the YHA by the Reiss family in 1936. This is despite the fact that it is profitable and one of the better performing hostels in the country, with a high occupancy rate with over 9,000 visitors in 2019, and is uniquely located at the junction of the Thames Path and Ridgeway National Trail.

Marcus Holburn, Vice Chair of the Trustees who lives in South Oxfordshire, started by explaining that the charity's aim is to protect Hill House's future and maintain it as part of the YHA. Its property director, Jake Chalmers, then explained the financial difficulties the organisation faces in maintaining the older property stock of the 150 or so hostels in the country, including Hill House, and trying to refurbish them all to modern standards which, they say, hostellers expect nowadays. He said that different models are used to manage hostels when they are not wholly owned by the YHA, such as leasing and also selling to third parties on the basis that they remain a YHA hostel, for at least three years.

Speaking for the campaign, Dr Sarah Steed, the great grand-daughter of the donor, described the original purpose of the legacy, which was intended to be in perpetuity. This sentiment was reinforced with an impassioned argument from campaigner, Rob Jones, who challenged the YHA about the risks of selling the Streatley hostel rather than keeping control by leasing it. Members of the audience also expressed concern that the property could, under the current arrangements, be acquired by a developer as a long-term investment opportunity and eventually converted to private accommodation.

Many suggestions were put to the YHA representatives for possible grant funding options and the YHA have agreed to start investigating these in order to secure the long-term future of the hostel. However, currently the property is still on the market.

For more information or to express your views, contact [stopsaleofstreatleyyha@gmail.com](mailto:stopsaleofstreatleyyha@gmail.com) or [jakechalmers@yha.org.uk](mailto:jakechalmers@yha.org.uk)

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### Goring Hardware up for sale

**Tanya and Alan Brown have decided to sell Goring Hardware after running it for 10 years.**

They hope to find a buyer who will ensure the business continues to be part of the local services to the area long after they have moved on. They are letting local people know about this opportunity before they advertise



nationwide for a new owner.

Tanya writes, 'I feel very privileged to have been a part of something which clearly is such an anchor point in village life. ... The team are amazing and I feel incredibly lucky to have worked with such a brilliant bunch of folk who are genuinely passionate about the business and how we serve and try to do the best we can for anyone who comes in.'

'I would like to stress very heavily that until such time as it is sold to new custodians nothing will differ. The team and I will continue to focus 100%.'

'If anyone is interested to talk further about this unique local opportunity, please do contact Tanya on 01491 872420 for a chat.'

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## New Owner for Streatley School of Dance

**KAD is a well-established dance school, teaching dance for over 50 years**

Recently taken over by Lucy Harley, the school offers classes for both children and adults in Wallingford and their new branch in Streatley (formerly Streatley School of Dance). Lucy Harley, BA (Hons) RAD RTS ARAD LRAD, is a former student who found her love of dance at KAD, before training at The Royal Academy of Dance.



KAD offers a wide range of classes from pre-school ballet right the way through to their new Silver Swans® over 55s ballet programme.

For more information about classes visit their website: [www.kinacroftacademy.co.uk](http://www.kinacroftacademy.co.uk)

The Morrell Room, Church Lane, Streatley, Reading RG8 9HT  
Kinacroft Studios, 28 Goldsmith's Lane, Wallingford OX10 0DU  
Contact Lucy Harley: Tel: 07814 718409 Email: [info@kinacroftacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@kinacroftacademy.co.uk)



## A selection from the March events on the Genie calendar

For further details and more events see the [Genie Calendar](#)

<b>Sunday 1</b>	Hairy Legs Runners – Sunday Trot Goring Gap Boat Club – Go Row day
<b>Saturday 7</b>	Move It – live music at Goring Social Club
<b>Monday 9</b>	Andrew Robson visits the Goring & Streatley Bridge Club
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	BMMHS talk in Woodcote – John Slessor – Architect of British Airborne Nuclear Deterrence
<b>Friday 13</b>	Goring Gap Jazz Gig. Alec Dankworth's Spanish Accents.
<b>Saturday 14</b>	Goring Robins' Race Night in Goring Village Hall
<b>Monday 16</b>	Goring Gap Local History Society talk – <i>Lord Nuffield</i>

<b>Tuesday 17</b>	Goring SODC Councillor's surgery. Goring Photo Club – <i>Arabian Nights/Wine and Oranges</i>
<b>Wednesday 18</b>	Goring Gap Players present <i>The Titfield Thunderbolt</i> (performances until Saturday)
<b>Thursday 19</b>	Pick a Flick – <i>Secondhand Lions</i>
<b>Saturday 21</b>	Cholsey Repair Café Skittles evening at Goring Social Club
<b>Tuesday 24</b>	Goring Parish Council Planning Committee meeting
<b>Thursday 26</b>	Goring Gap U3A – Bernard Novell – <i>The Square Piano</i> . Roy Bailey Big Band at Goring Social Club
<b>Saturday 28</b>	Come and Sing – Stainer's <i>Crucifixion</i> , at St Thomas' Church
<b>Saturday April 4</b>	The Pretend Beatles at Goring Social Club
<b>Booking now</b>	The Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir at St Thomas' Church on April 25



**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 seven applications for Goring, three for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.**

## **STREATLEY**

**Location:** **Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY**  
**Proposal:** Proposed erection of an indoor swimming pool within the grounds of Streatley House.  
**Reference Number:** [20/00349/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **5 March 2020**

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**Location:** **Yew Trees Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LD**

Proposal: Garden building  
Reference Number: [20/00402/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **12 March 2020**

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**Location:** **Thurle Grange Barn Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH**  
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition (4) Spoil pre-commencement of approved 19/02794/HOUSE - Construction of a new outbuilding to include 2 garage bays and workshop/garden store.  
Reference Number: [20/00434/COND1](#)  
**Target decision date:** **16 April 2020 (not open for public consultation)**

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## SOUTH STOKE

**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 into a dog daycare centre and the other half into a vehicle storage for a temporary 5 year period (as amplified by details submitted by the applicant on 18 & 20 February 2020).  
Reference Number: [P19/S4364/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **12 March 2020**

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## GORING

**Location:** **11 High St Goring-on-Thames RG8 9AT**  
Proposal: Full planning permission sought for the Change of Use of part A2 user class (Financial and professional services) to Suis Generis user class (Taxi call centre)  
Reference Number: [P20/S0462/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **11 March 2020**

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**Location:** **Bromsgrove Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES**  
Proposal: Demolition of existing attached garage, erection of new detached triple garage.  
Reference Number: [P20/S0582/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **17 March 2020**

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**Location:** **West Croft Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BG**  
Proposal: Variation of conditions 2- Approved Plans, 3 - Levels and 4 - Schedule of Materials on application P19/S2102/FUL to relocate the 'step down' in the roof of the rear projecting wing and to finish the single-storey roofs in zinc as opposed to sedum. Demolition of existing dwellinghouse, construction of replacement family home with ancillary outbuildings, parking and amenity space, landscaping, and associated works.  
Reference Number: [P20/S0665/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **17 March 2020**

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**Location:** **St Katherines House Lyndhurst Road Goring RG8 9BL**  
Proposal: Discharge of condition 4 (landscaping of the site) on planning application P19/S3343/HH. Single-storey side extension with rooflights and erection of new railings to the front of the site.  
Reference Number: [P20/S0441/DIS](#)  
**Target Decision Date:** **18 March 2020**

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**Location:** **Vine Cottage Station Road Goring RG8 9HB**  
Proposal: Minor internal alterations (Listed Building)  
Reference Number: [P20/S0445/LB](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **18 March 2020**

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**Location:** Primrose Cottage Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EU  
**Proposal:** Ground floor rear extension (lawful development proposal)  
**Reference Number:** [P20/S0429/LDP](#)  
**Target Decision Date:** 30 March 2020

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**Location:** Howgate Boathouse Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BT  
**Proposal:** Discharge of Condition 6 - surface water drainage of Planning Permission P17/S1850/HH New pitched roof to existing garage, including ground floor alterations and 'Studio' accommodation in roofspace.  
**Reference Number:** [P20/S0687/DIS](#)  
**Target decision date:** 3 April 2020 (not open for public consultation)

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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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