

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 March

In this issue: Gap Festival cancelled; Goring Transport Office now suspended; attack in Goring; road closure 19 March; Boat Club news; U3A Open Day; Citizens Advice seek volunteers - plus the latest planning applications

Stop Press!

Community Response to Covid-19

The community is coming together to organise support for vulnerable people and people in isolation.

Please forward this email to anyone who may need to see it.

An initiative is being set up to create a group of volunteers to help out within the community at this challenging time. It is being organised by Helena Fahie from Goring, a Registrar in Public Health Medicine. Helena currently works for Public Health England on the Corona response, but wanted to do something in her own time to support local residents.

She says, "Lots of people are really worried about the coming weeks, but likewise there are so many people who want to help their neighbours. I really believe if we come together we will be stronger and can really make a positive difference. I see my role as bringing the community together safely so we have a coordinated approach and ensure everyone is supported."

To get involved, you can join the 'Combat Corona Volunteers' **Facebook group** (go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3482562875103668> and click Join) or **WhatsApp group** (go to [this link](#) and click to Join the chat).

To kick things off, the team will be running a Facebook Live on Wednesday

18th at 7pm. To join it, you need to go to the Facebook group above and have the group page open at 7pm when the video will appear as a new post.

To get a reminder from Facebook, go to the event listing here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/517683432228782/>. This allows you to say that you are 'Going' or 'Interested' and to share the event with others on Facebook.

The plan is to discuss some simple things we can all do to help our neighbours and to keep ourselves and others safe, as well as to devise a plan to coordinate checking-in with neighbours across Goring, Streatley and South Stoke.

The GAP Festival, June 2020 – CANCELLED

The Trustees regret to announce the cancellation of this year's GAP Festival

Following the unprecedented and escalating level of concern about the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, especially at indoor public gatherings, the Festival Trustees have decided to cancel the event in the interests of public health.

Obviously, no-one knows when all this is going to end and whether the pandemic will peak in Britain before, during or after June. What we can assume, however, is that June will not be clear of the problem and so we cannot say at this point when we may be able to hold the festival in the future.

For Goring and Streatley residents who receive the *Goring Gap News*, they will see in the next edition, due to be



delivered around the 21/22 March, the centre four pages launching the programme and where and how to buy tickets. This information is now out of date as the GGN went to press before the decision was made.

The Trustees are extremely grateful for the support that all the volunteers, sponsors and donors have given to the festival over the past 12 months during its planning stage and we look forward to the time when we may be able to send out a more positive message. In the meantime, any further news about the festival will be posted on the website www.thegapfestival.org and through *Genie*, GGN and social media.

The Festival Trustees

Transport Office Suspension

The increasingly serious impact of the coronavirus has inevitably led us (with a heavy heart) to suspend the Goring Transport Office service.

We deeply regret that for the foreseeable future we can no longer arrange transport to the surgery and local hospitals. The risk of contagion is very high and we cannot afford to put either clients or volunteers at risk.

Following the government's guidelines, most of our volunteers – drivers and administrators – will soon be self-isolating so that operating the service will, in any case, become impossible.

We wish our clients well and hope that family and friends can fill the gaps while we are “off the air”.

We hope that in the not-too-distant future, we can be back to business-as-usual.

Alan Matthews



Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following an assault in Goring

It happened between 12.30am and 1am on Saturday 14 March in Lycroft Close.

The victim, a woman in her thirties, was walking when the offender approached her from behind and tried to pull her to the ground. The victim was able to get free and the offender ran away. She didn't have anything stolen during the assault but sustained bruises and grazes to her legs.

The offender is described as a white man, around 6ft 2ins tall, stocky with shaved, light coloured hair. He was wearing dark coloured clothes and a bomber style jacket.

Investigating officer Detective Chief Inspector John Capps, said:

“This was a very distressing incident for the victim in this case. We are in the very early stages of this investigation.

“We know this will be concerning for the community, but we would ask residents to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police. We would ask that anyone who may have seen or heard anything in relation to this incident, or anyone with CCTV footage to get in touch. You can do this by calling the Thames Valley Police non-emergency number on 101 or make a report online using the **reference 43200086182**. If you would prefer to remain 100% anonymous, please contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Road Closure

B4009 Long Lane, Cold Ash – Thurs 19 March

The road will be closed between Red Shute Hill and Fishers Lane, between 9:30am and 3:30pm on Thurs 19

March. All through traffic will be diverted via A4, Tull Way, Bowling Green Road, Heath Lane, Cold Ash Hill, Hermitage Road, Red Shute Hill and vice versa. A plan of the closure can be found at <https://one.network/?tm=116720488>



Goring Gap Boat Club

Roll on Spring ...

With the river flow at 147 cu.m/s it's been weeks since anyone at GGBC has been able to venture out on the water. Surely this late winter sunshine will soon turn to spring sunshine, the river flow will lessen, and a hoard of happy rowers will be back out!

The first Learn to Row course starts on 25 April 25.

For anyone in two minds as to whether to give GGBC a try, the Go Row days start again in April (first Sunday of the month 10am, join the Sunday session at 10am for a free taster session) **OR** sign up to a Learn to Row

course – there will be three across the course of this year. More info can be found here www.goringgapbc.org.uk/rowing/.

Goring Gap Boat Club ... Get on Board ... Recreational Rowing for the Community

U3A Information Open Day

Most people have heard of the U3A (University of the Third Age) but not everyone knows what they do

While the object is certainly to learn about new things through study groups and monthly lectures the U3A is really about socialising and having fun.

On 3 June the U3A nationally is having an informative open day. Come and find out about Goring Gap U3A in the Goring Arcade on Wednesday 3 June from 9am to 1pm. You are sure to find something of interest to you.



Citizens Advice campaigns hit the target in 2019

People often see Citizens Advice as a “quick fix” centre, rather like the garage that changes your car tyres – you pop into our office or ring Adviceline or you check the facts on our comprehensive website. But there’s more to Citizens Advice than quick fixes.

“Research and Campaigns” (R and C) is a part of Citizens Advice with a different task, a long-term one that demands much effort and patience. It has the job of collecting evidence on emerging social problems and then directly petitioning the people or organisations – including ministers, local MPs and government departments – that have the power to solve or alleviate them. These campaigns have been remarkably

successful.

Would you like to become one of these dedicated and hard-working volunteers, or work for us in a different role? Visit <https://citizensadviceoxford.org.uk/> for further details.

For more general help see our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk, call Citizens Advice Adviceline on 0300 3309 042 or come and see us in person. For locations of offices and opening hours visit <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale>





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 eight applications for Goring, four for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: **Out Of District The Pavilion Thames Road Goring RG8 9AH**
Out of district consultation. Amended information: Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans),4 (landscaping),6 (FRA),7 (buffer zone),8 (landscape management) of application P19/S1699/FUL
Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 4 (landscaping), 5 (arboricultural), 6 (FRA), 7(buffer zone), 8 (landscape management), 9 (surface water drainage), 10 (foul water drainage) and 11 (bat survey) of planning permission P18/S1983/FUL to amend the approved plans and vary the wording of condition 4,5,6,7,9 10 and 11 (as amended and amplified by information received on 12/07/19, 30/07/19, 05/08/19 and 12/08/19)
Reference Number: [20/00641/OOD](#)
Consultation Deadline: **30 March 2020**

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Location: **Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT**
Upgrading of former farm office outbuilding to improve thermal insulation, replace two windows, install a third and build a new partition. Create a new ground floor kitchen in existing staff flat in stable building
Proposal:
Reference Number: [20/00584/FULMAJ](#)
Consultation Deadline: **31 March 2020**

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Location: **Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT**
Upgrading of former farm office outbuilding to improve thermal insulation, replace two windows, install a third and build a new partition. Create a new ground floor kitchen in existing staff flat in stable building.
Proposal:
Reference Number: [20/00585/LBC2](#)
Consultation Deadline: **1 April 2020**

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Location: **Playing Fields Streatley Primary School The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL**

Proposal: T1 - Yew - Fell
Reference Number: [20/00652/TPW](#)
Consultation Deadline: **1 May 2020**

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

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 of P19/S2102/FUL demolition of existing and construction of replacement house
Reference Number: [P20/S0665/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **17 March 2020**

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

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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 Goring**
Proposal: Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access. (as per amended plans and information received 29 November 2019, 9 December 2019 and 6 March 2020)
Reference Number: [P19/S2923/O](#)
Consultation Deadline: **25 March 2020**

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Location: **Primrose Cottage Fairfield Rd Goring RG8 0EU**
Proposal: Ground floor rear extension (Lawful Development Certificate)
Reference Number: [P20/S0429/LDP](#)
Consultation Deadline: **30 March 2020**

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Location: **Land to rear of Cleeve Cottages Icknield Road Goring**
Proposal: Variation of condition 9 to exclude all reference to realignment of the carriageway and footway in P19/S0538/FUL (erection of up to ten dwellings with associated parking and amenity space)
Reference Number: [P20/S0812/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **1 April 2020**

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Location: **Howgate Boathouse Cleeve Rd Goring RG8 9BT**
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 6 - surface water drainage of P17/S1850/HH new pitched roof to existing garage and 'Studio' accommodation in roofspace
Reference Number: [P20/S0687/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target Decision Date 3 April 2020**

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Location: **27 Holmlea Road Goring RG8 9EX**
Proposal: Double storey side extension
Reference Number: [P20/S0934/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **3 April 2020**

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Location: Catherine Wheel Station Rd Goring RG8 9HB
Proposal: Remedial strengthening works to the timber framed barn
Reference Number: [P20/S0807/LB](#)
Consultation Deadline: **8 April 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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To send in news items, use news@genienews.org

Village Matters reports on topical events and items of interest to local residents. It is published at the middle and end of each month. It includes planning applications for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke which are open for comment at the date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, the items will refer to Goring-on-Thames, Streatley, South Stoke and the surrounding villages.

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