

## 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 12 April*

**In this issue:** Plea for help; response to Covid-19: GGN, SODC, online events now on Genie Calendar, free IT advice, cancelled events, free gardening advice and more – and our latest update of new planning applications.

**Please forward this email to people you think may not receive Genie and encourage them to subscribe.**

**The next Public Information newsletter will carry important Covid-19 information and details about the local help and support available.**



**Shiraz shines and pulls it out of the bag**

**Thank you, too, to everyone who is also doing a magnificent job in helping our community.**

## Can you help us, please?

### *South Stoke Village Shop urgently needs help*

South Stoke Shop is still open though for a smaller number of hours. We are providing a delivery service around the village and sales have increased significantly as fewer people can get out to the supermarkets. We have also removed from front-line serving those volunteers over 70 or having underlying health issues. This means that the volunteers we have left are very busy, serving in the shop, making up orders and putting away new stock deliveries.

Can you help us? We need people who are prepared to help our volunteers by making up orders and help put

away new stock deliveries. No training will be necessary as the existing volunteer will use the till and tell you how you can help. We are very mindful of safety, so we are maintaining distances, using gloves, washing hands and surfaces regularly.

If you think you can help with a shift of 2-3 hours, please email [geoff.ward@southstoke.org.uk](mailto:geoff.ward@southstoke.org.uk) giving me your phone number, and I'll get someone to call and arrange times that suit you. Many thanks.



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## *Goring Gap News*

### 1. Historic pause to production of *Goring Gap News*

With much regret the Directors of *Goring Gap News* have decided to pause production of the April issue due to staffing and delivery restrictions. This decision will be reviewed monthly. Meanwhile editorial staff will continue to welcome photos and reports of activities as well as requests for assistance for community projects.

### 2. *Goring Gap News* AGM 31 March – cancelled

Following government guidelines this meeting has been cancelled. News of the re-arranged date will be published in a future edition of the GGN.

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## Genie Calendar now featuring online events



Many local groups are finding ways to meet online and the Genie Calendar can now be used to advertise these events. Please send in details if you would like to spread the news of your online activity. Already the Calendar has details of online IT advice, online pilates and online Sunday worship.

Also on the Calendar at the present time are details of local shop and take-away opening times and delivery options. This can be updated daily.



**Please send in details** of your business if it is not already featured and keep us updated with any changes.

To contact the calendar manager, email: [calendar@genienews.org](mailto:calendar@genienews.org)



## Some Information from our local Councils



### 1. Waste bin collections – SODC

It's likely that on occasions, crews might not be able to complete all of their daily rounds and so some bins might not be emptied on their usual collection day.

The advice for SODC residents is as follows: if the bins in your street are not emptied, please leave them out for up to three days (including weekends) and we'll try to catch up. If still not emptied, bring them back in and we will empty them on the next planned collection day.

We will prioritise food, rubbish and clinical waste collections and some elements of street cleansing, including emptying litter bins.

We may have to suspend garden waste services so we can focus on essential waste collections, as other councils have, if this is the case, we will let everyone know through our social media sites and council websites. <http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/news>



## 2. Waste bin collection West Berks

Waste collections from households in West Berkshire will continue as normal, unless otherwise notified.

We will continue to work with our collections contractor to ensure that services are provided with minimal disruption. However if we have to change the level of service we provide, for example if a large number of staff are not available, we will prioritise essential services such as rubbish collections.

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/coronavirus-residents-waste>



## 3. Free parking in South Oxfordshire and West Berkshire

In order to support key workers and those out shopping for essential medical and food supplies SODC have cancelled all parking fees in their car parks until June 1 and West Berks have cancelled all off street car parks and on street parking bays until further notice.

## Cancelled events

### 1. Goring in Bloom plant sale 25 April 2020 – cancelled



### 2. Goring Village Litter pick 25 April – cancelled



### 3. Streatley Litter pick 4 April – cancelled until September – in line with the postponement of the Great British Clean up



### 4. All three local churches are now closed, but you can find details of online worship on their websites:

- [www.goringfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.goringfreechurch.org.uk)
- [www.thomandmary.org.uk/](http://www.thomandmary.org.uk/)
- [www.ourladyandstjohnngoring.org.uk/](http://www.ourladyandstjohnngoring.org.uk/)



## Free IT advice

**Free IT advice will now be available remotely by appointment 10 to 12 every Tuesday morning.**

The aim is to help everyone self isolate using online shopping and other services but also to give them

confidence to use digital communications to reduce loneliness. See the PDF file with more information [here](#).

## Plant for the People

### Local garden designer offers free help

Following the huge increase in time that many of us now have and the interest in using this time to start growing your own fruit, veg and flowers, local garden designer Rob Jones ([www.gardendesignco.co.uk](http://www.gardendesignco.co.uk)) is releasing a set of videos featuring a different topic each day on his instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/thegardendesigncoltd/>

Completely free to watch, often featuring his labradors, they are a brilliant way of learning how to sow and grow successfully, and Rob is also available to problem solve by WhatsApping your pictures and messages direct to him on 07973 261852.

Rob is hoping to start selling surplus plants and produce for Charity in April.



## Citizens Advice

**We are no longer offering face-to-face appointments**





Previously booked appointments will be changed to a telephone appointment. You will still be able to talk to our advisers by telephone. Advice line: 0300 330 9042. Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00. <https://citizensadviceoxford.org.uk/>

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## Culture in Quarantine

For those of you who are really missing visits to the theatre and live screenings



The National Theatre, RSC and Royal Opera House will be posting performances online and free of charge. Please see details below.

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/at-home>

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/news/bbc-culture-in-quarantine>

<https://www.roh.org.uk/news/the-royal-opera-house-launches-a-programme-of-free-online-content-for-the-culturally-curious-at-home>



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, three for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

### STREATLEY

Location:

**Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT**

Proposal:

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

Reference Number:

[20/00584/FULMAJ](#)

Consultation Deadline:

**31 March 2020**

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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**

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## SOUTH STOKE

None

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## GORING

**Location: Land to rear of Cleeve Cottages Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG**

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: Vine Cottage Station Road Goring RG8 9HB**

Proposal: Minor internal alterations

Reference Number: [P20/S0445/LB](#)

**Consultation Deadline: 3 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**

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**Location: Land to the Rear of Cleeve Cottages Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG**

Proposal: Erection of four terraced dwellings with associated parking and amenity space

Reference Number: [P20/S0767/FUL](#)

**Consultation Deadline: TBA Target decision date 21 April 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>

Information on how to comment on a WBC application:

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

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**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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