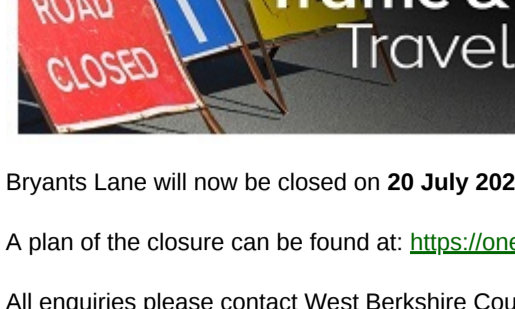


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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 July

In this issue: Yattendon road closure; Eat Out to Help Out; online SODC Local Plan hearings; Goring Village Hall re-opens; latest shops & services info; Wallingford Museum update – and our latest update of new planning applications.



Road Closure Yattendon

Date/time amendment

The Square/Yattendon Road will now be closed from **20 to 23 July 2020 from the hours of 8am to 5pm.**

A plan of the closure can be found at: <https://one.network/?tm=117348952>

Bryants Lane will now be closed on **20 July 2020 for one day only from 8am to 5pm.**

A plan of the closure can be found at: <https://one.network/?tm=117348952>

All enquiries please contact West Berkshire Council on 01635 519080.

Plans to re-open Goring Village Hall

The hall has been closed since March but now, as a multi-purpose community facility and with the relaxation of lockdown restrictions, it is permitted to re-open

The trustees are now actively planning the re-opening which will involve some physical changes to the building, a detailed risk assessment and action plan and consultation with regular users about their interest in returning to the hall.

They write: Use of the hall will be subject to current government restrictions on live performance, sport/fitness activities, preparation/serving of food/drink and to observance of social distancing and other Covid-19 safety requirements.

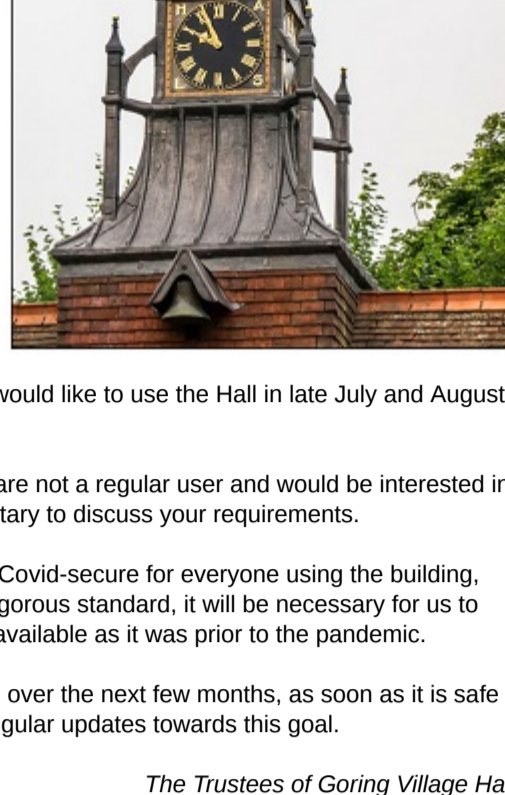
Most of our regular users would like to resume activities from September onwards, dependent upon a further reduction in social distancing regulations, but a smaller number would like to use the Hall in late July and August under the current restrictions.

We are now working to facilitate this as soon as possible. If you are not a regular user and would be interested in hiring the hall, please get in touch with us via the bookings secretary to discuss your requirements.

We will only re-open the hall when we are satisfied that it is fully Covid-secure for everyone using the building, including not only users but trustees and staff. To maintain this rigorous standard, it will be necessary for us to clean the hall after every use, which means that it will not be as available as it was prior to the pandemic.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Goring Village Hall over the next few months, as soon as it is safe to do so. Please check our website and social media feeds for regular updates towards this goal.

The Trustees of Goring Village Hall



Registrations started on Monday 13 July for restaurants, cafés and bars serving food and drink, who want to participate in the 'Eat Out to Help Out' Scheme

This government initiative is aimed at protecting jobs in the hospitality sector and encouraging people to return safely to dining out. Diners can start benefiting from the savings from Monday 3 August and Genie will publish the list of participating local establishments in our next issue at the end of the month.

Establishments who use the scheme will offer a 50% reduction, up to a maximum of £10 per person, to all diners, including children, who eat and/or drink-in throughout August, but alcohol is excluded from the offer.

Customers do not need a voucher as establishments will just remove the discount from the bill. The scheme can be used all day, every Monday to Wednesday, between 3 and 31 August 2020. A searchable restaurant finder tool and participating establishments are able to display posters in their windows similar to the image used above. For more details about the scheme, click [here](#).

Also, a £4 billion cut in VAT was announced by the Chancellor in his Summer Statement on 8 July which came into force on Wednesday 15 July, allowing the food, drink and hospitality sectors to cut prices in certain circumstances. For instance, VAT registered suppliers of food and non-alcoholic beverages need only charge 5% VAT instead of the normal 20% between 15 July 2020 and 12 January 2021. This reduced rate of VAT also applies to supplies of hot takeaway food and hot takeaway non-alcoholic drinks. For detailed information about how these changes apply to businesses, see [Catering, takeaway food \(VAT Notice 709/1\)](#)

Updated list (No 7 @ 13 July) of local suppliers of food, drink and other facilities is now on Genie's website.

The latest information on the revised opening times and services being provided by local shops and other facilities is now on the home page of Genie's website.

Click [here](#) to go to the website and then click on the image under 'Local Shops' (like the one above) to open the list.



South Oxfordshire Local Plan Examination – Virtual hearings get underway on SODC's YouTube channel!

All eyes will be on South Oxfordshire this week as the district becomes host to the first ever online 'virtual' public hearings for a Local Plan examination'.

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 first became the subject of national interest after the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government in October last year took the unusual step of issuing a 'Holding Direction' preventing the district council from taking any actions in relation to the adoption of the plan, meaning councillors couldn't formally discuss, debate or vote on the subject. Then in March this year, the Secretary of State issued a second Direction to instruct the council to progress the plan through to adoption by December 2020.

The council first began working on the plan six years ago and thousands of residents, businesses and local community groups have had their say on proposals during six rounds of extensive public consultation. During that time, the council has had a number of different leaders and a change of administration in the 2018 elections.

The housing numbers and the location of the key sites proposed for housing have been subject to debate throughout the production of the plan, as is often the case with Local Plans. Another area of discussion has been how much South Oxfordshire should cater for neighbouring Oxford's unmet need.

These are all topics that will be discussed during the examination hearing, which got underway at 10am on Tuesday 14 July and will be publicly available to view live on the council's special YouTube channel. A link to this channel is available [here](#) (only active during the hours of the live hearing) and on the council's Local Plan examination [webpage](#) with all the relevant background information. The hearings will continue until about 5 August during normal office hours.

"... I would like to encourage anybody with an interest in issues that will affect their communities to tune in." Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson, Cabinet Member for Planning at South Oxfordshire District Council

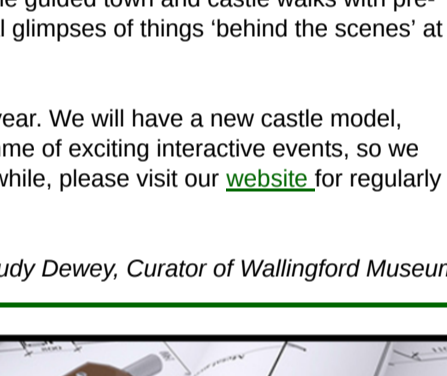
Wallingford Museum – Update

Wallingford Museum has reluctantly decided that it is not possible to re-open to the public at present. This is because they are unable to guarantee compliance with the present regulations for social distancing due to the nature of our building and the fact that many of their displays are in confined spaces.

They write: We will continue to regularly assess the situation in hope that we may be able to open later in the year as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we hope to be able to offer some guided town and castle walks with pre-booked limited numbers. We also hope to be offering some new virtual glimpses of things 'behind the scenes' at the Museum, to compensate while we are closed.

Our volunteers are already busy developing plans and ideas for next year. We will have a new castle model, updated displays, new exhibitions and we will continue with a programme of exciting interactive events, so we look forward to contacting you again with our opening date, but meanwhile, please visit our [website](#) for regularly updated information.

Judy Dewey, Curator of Wallingford Museum



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 three applications for Goring, four for Streatley, and six for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

- Location:** 11 The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QZ
Proposal: Single storey residential rear extension with flat roof
Reference Number: [20/01158/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: 23 July 2020
- ****
Location: Kiddington Cottage Aldworth Road Streatley Reading RG8 9RE
Proposal: New pool building and pool with associated landscaping
Reference Number: [20/S1313/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: 10 August 2020
- ****
Location: The Lodge Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (8) EPS licence and (10) Suds of approved 20/00150/HOUSE - Demolition of garage, erection of a 2 storey extension linked to the existing dwelling
Reference Number: [20/01112/COND1](#)
Consultation Deadline: 11 August 2020
- ****
Location: West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions (3) samples, (4) rainwater goods, (5) CMS, (6) hours of work, (7) delivery hours and (8) contract for demolition and re-build of approved 20/00221/HOUSE - The demolition of the side extension (utility room) and the rebuilding of the extension to be more in keeping with the architectural style of the main house.
Reference Number: [20/01180/COND1](#)
Consultation Deadline: 21 August 2020

SOUTH STOKE

- Location:** Manor House The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal: Conversion of former stables into a one bedroom dwelling. The layout has been designed to accommodate a kitchen diner that utilises the existing chimney and south facing window of bays 1 and 2, along with an entrance hall, bathroom, sitting room and bedroom over within extended bay 3
Reference Number: [P20/S2034/LB](#)
Consultation Deadline: 22 July 2020
- ****
Location: Manor House The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal: Conversion of former stables into a one bedroom dwelling. The layout has been designed to accommodate a kitchen diner that utilises the existing chimney and south facing window of bays 1 and 2, along with an entrance hall, bathroom, sitting room and bedroom over within extended bay 3
Reference Number: [P20/S2032/EUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: 22 July 2020
- ****
Location: College Farmhouse Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JP
Proposal: Single storey oak framed orangery.
Reference Number: [P20/S2065/LB](#)
Consultation Deadline: 29 July 2020
- ****
Location: College Farmhouse Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JP
Proposal: Single storey oak framed orangery.
Reference Number: [P20/S2063/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 29 July 2020
- ****
Location: Plough Cottage The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal: Two storey rear extension and internal alterations to the cottage. Change of use/creation of en suite ground floor bedroom to existing barn - ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling.
Reference Number: [P20/S2019/LB](#)
Consultation Deadline: 5 August 2020
- ****
Location: Plough Cottage South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal: Two storey rear extension and internal alterations to the cottage. Change of use/creation of en suite ground floor bedroom to existing barn - ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling.
Reference Number: [P20/S2018/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 5 August 2020

GORING

- Location:** 8 Holmea Road Goring RG8 9EX
Proposal: Discharge of condition 5 - Protect hedges on P20/S0438/HH (side and single storey front and rear extension)
Reference Number: [P20/S1871/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: Target date 14 July 2020
- ****
Location: 18 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 0AU
Proposal: First floor extension over garage
Reference Number: [P20/S2221/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 31 July 2020
- ****
Location: 11 Valley Close Goring RG8 0AN
Proposal: Single storey addition (with removal of pitched roof) to existing rear extension.
Reference Number: [P20/S1920/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: 31 July 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>

 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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