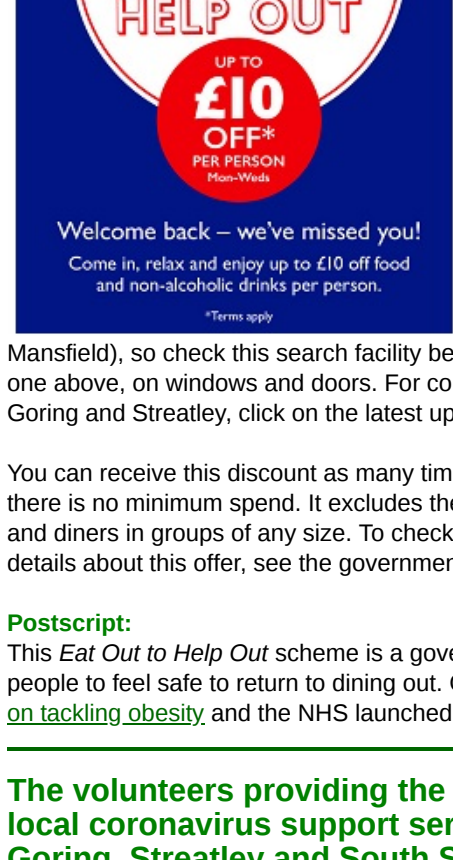


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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 August

In this issue: Eat Out to Help Out locally; survey of local response to Covid-19; Library competition; re-openings: Morrell Room, Sailing Club, Withymead; local pub news; W Berks road closures; Local Shops & Services update; Thames Valley Police alert; Goring July crime incidents – and our latest update of new planning applications.



Find out here where you can get 50% discount (up to £10 per person) off your bill every time you 'Eat Out to Help Out' at local participating establishments starting on Monday 3 August.

There's no limit on how many times you can get this discount every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 3 and 31 August.

To use the government's *Find a restaurant that's registered for the scheme* search facility for establishments within 5 miles of your post code, click [here](#)

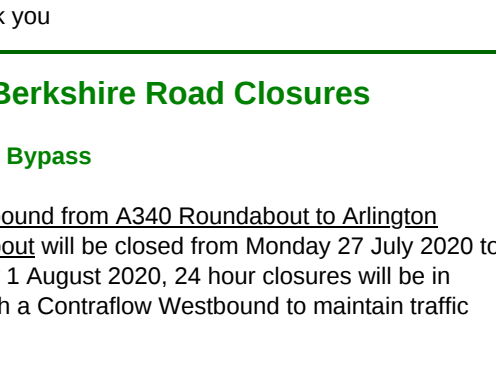
At the time of publication (30 July), there were over 20 already registered (using a central Goring postcode), 4 of which were in Goring and Streatley (Coppa Club, Don Giovanni at the Leatherne Bottel, The Swan at Streatley and Pierreposts Café), but Genie has been told that others are in the process of registering (The Bull, The Catherine Wheel and The Miller of Goring), so check this search facility before you plan to eat out and also look for the official posters, like the one above, on windows and doors. For contact and more details of these, and all the places to eat or buy food in Goring and Streatley, click on the latest updated list of Local Shops & Facilities on [Genie's website](#).

You can receive this discount as many times you like on each of the qualifying days (no vouchers needed) and there is no minimum spend. It excludes the purchase of alcohol and any service charges, but includes children and diners in groups of any size. To check out participating chain restaurants further afield, click [here](#). For full details about this offer, see the government's website [here](#).

Postscript:

This *Eat Out to Help Out* scheme is a government initiative to support the hospitality sector and encourage people to feel safe to return to dining out. On Monday (27 July) the Department of Health launched its [strategy on tackling obesity](#), and the NHS launched its [campaign for better health](#).

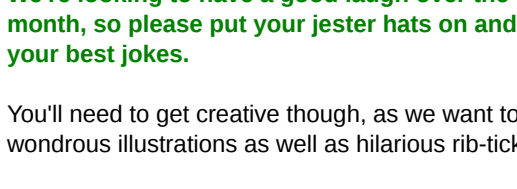
The volunteers providing the various local coronavirus support services in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke would like to know how they're doing. Whether you've used any of the services or not, any feedback you could provide by completing one or more of these 3 very short surveys would be much appreciated.



Each survey takes 2-3 minutes. You may take one or more depending on which are relevant to you. We would ask everyone to take the 'Residents Survey' if possible. The other surveys are for particular groups of people.

- **The Residents Survey** is for anyone in the parish of Goring, Streatley or South Stoke whether they have used the services of a volunteer or the helpline or not.
- **The Volunteers Survey** is for anyone who did any volunteering in the village in relation to the pandemic.
- **The Users Survey** is some additional questions for residents who have used the services of the helpline or a volunteer during the crisis.

All survey answers are anonymous, and the results will only be used by members of the Emergency Response Group, to better understand how the services may be improved. Where appropriate, suggested changes and improvements will be implemented as soon as practicable. Thank you



West Berkshire Road Closures

1 Theale Bypass

A4 Eastbound from A340 Roundabout to Arlington Roundabout will be closed from Monday 27 July 2020 to Saturday 1 August 2020, 24 hour closures will be in place with a Contraflow Westbound to maintain traffic flow.

Arlington Roundabout will be closed Eastbound from Monday 3 August 2020 to Wednesday 5 August 2020 and Westbound from Thursday 6 August 2020 to Friday 7 August from the hours of 19:00 to 23:30.

2 The road between the Four Points and Compton

3 to 14 August, 24 hours a day. However, the road will be open over the weekend period. Residential access will be maintained throughout. The closure will be between the Junctions of Unnamed road from Aldworth Road to Uplands (near Pilbworth Farm), and Coombe Road.

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, Newbury Rd, Water St, Church St, Wyld Court Hill, & Haw Lane (B4009) and vice versa.

The diversion will be signed on site, all enquiries to: Traffic Control 123 on 0792 1083 750.

A plan of the closure can be found at: <https://one.network/?tm=117832609>

Library Competition Time!

We're looking to have a good laugh over the next month, so please put your jester hats on and send us your best jokes.

You'll need to get creative though, as we want to see wondrous illustrations as well as hilarious rib-tickers.

Drop your competition entries, on A4 paper, into Inspirations in the Arcade as the Library helpline has been sealed. Or if you're technologically minded send them via email to fggl.oxon@gmail.com.



Competition closes on Sunday 30 August and prizes will be awarded in two age categories: 4 to 7 years and 8 to 12 years. Don't forget to put your name, age and contact details on your entry. Good luck!



The Morrell Room Management Committee is pleased to announce that the Morrell Room will soon be reopening after its closure during the recent lockdown.

It is their intention that the hall will once again be available for bookings from Monday 7 September 2020. Regular users of the Morrell Room have already been contacted about their individual plans to resume their sessions.

Prior to re-opening the Committee will ensure that measures have been taken to comply with all Government and Local Authority guidelines and regulations which are in force at the time regarding protection against COVID-19.

The Committee will issue a further update nearer to 7 September. They look forward to welcoming the local community back again to this very special, unique facility.

Changes at The Perch & Pike, South Stoke and The John Barleycorn, Goring in August

There will be new landlords at the Perch & Pike and they will reopen the pub on Thursday 13 August. The 'changeover' day will be on Thursday 10 August when outgoing landlord, Simon Duffy, hands over the keys.



Linda and Jamie, the new tenants, both grew up in Goring and have much experience working in and running various local establishments over the years. Jamie ran The Catherine Wheel 30 years ago and Linda ran The Crown at Nuffield 10 years ago, although most people will know her as the manager of Pierreposts Café in Goring for many years. They are both naturally very excited about their new venture and say they are looking forward to seeing their old friends again and making new ones, especially 'the locals' and other regulars at The Perch and Pike from 13 August onwards.

Further details will be updated on the [website](#) soon.

Steve and Monica, landlords of The John Barleycorn for many years, are closing the pub on Friday 21 August and handing back the keys on 24 August. So, until a new landlord is appointed, or a temporary relief manager steps in, it's currently unclear when it will reopen.

There is the possibility it will reopen on, or soon after, the 24 August, but at the moment the only definite information available at the time of publication (30 July) is that it will close for business on 21 August. Keep an eye on JB's [website](#) in case things change soon and see current details in [Genie's List of Local Shops and Local Facilities](#).

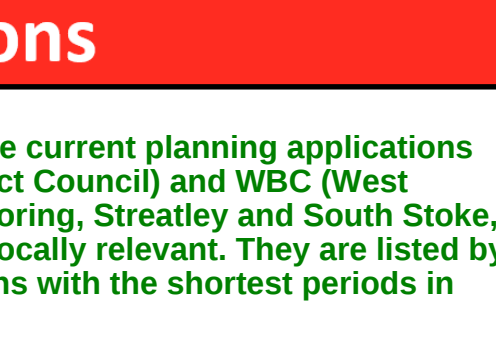


Your latest update (Update 8 @ 29 July) of the List of Local Shops & Facilities is now available [here](#).

It can also be found at any time on the [Genie website](#) by clicking on the icon you see illustrated here.

Goring Thames Sailing Club is open for Sailing

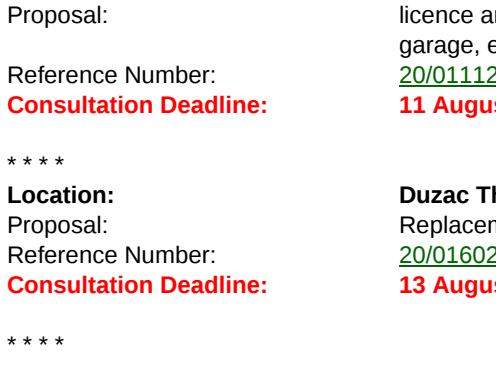
The club closed in March, but following the further easing of restrictions for sports facilities in England it is now possible to open the club up for sailing.



Racing on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons has started and the Saturday Sailing sessions with a coach and safety boat cover has recommenced.

The club is also able to take new members. Membership of the club provides access to the fleet of club boats for personal use and entry to the supervised sessions during Saturday Sailing, where the mornings are aimed at juniors under 12 and the afternoons for adult beginners/improvers.

The club is situated on the river Thames on the outskirts of Goring next to Don Giovanni at The Leatherne Bottel and enjoys beautiful views across the river the surrounding hills. They are an RYA training establishment and the committee are currently working with the RYA to determine how and when formal training courses may be held safely during 2020. Anyone interested in joining as a new member, or anyone wishing to obtain further information about membership, can do so by contacting the membership secretary on gtsc.enquiries@goringthamescc.org.uk. The website www.goringthamescc.org.uk also contains some additional information.



Withymead Nature Reserve, Goring, is now open

It's by appointment only still, but slots are routinely available between Friday to Sunday each week during the following hours: 10-11:30am, 12noon-1:30pm, 2-3:30pm and 4-5.30pm.

To book a time slot, [check availability here](#) and then send in a request via the booking site allowing at least 24 hours. For other times, please email info@withymead.org or telephone the wardens, 01491 872265.

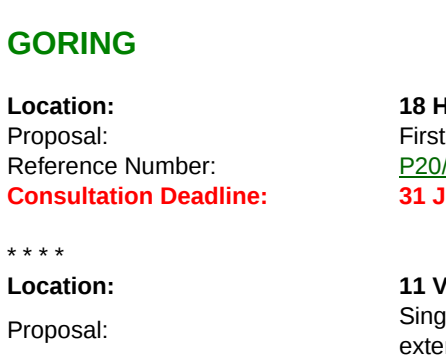
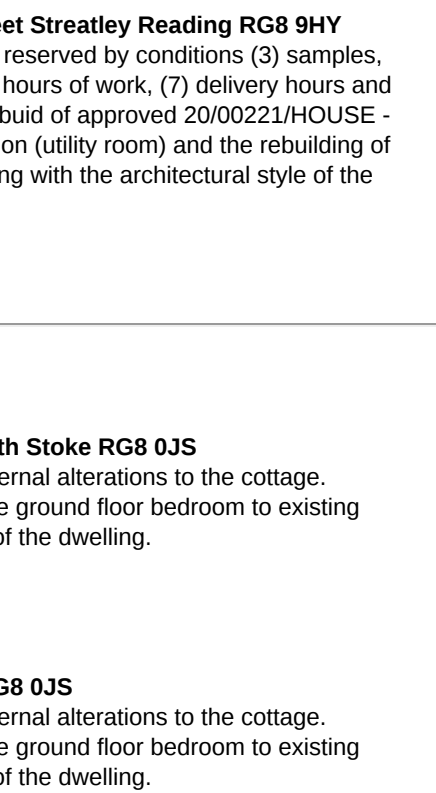
To read the Summer newsletter (July 2020) click [here](#) and there's more on the [website](#).

Thames Valley Police, in conjunction with the government's Home Office, have just launched a new campaign to help prevent the predicted rise in burglaries as lockdown is relaxed.

If you are involved in a Neighbourhood Watch group, or maybe interested in starting one in your locality, the information here may be of use.

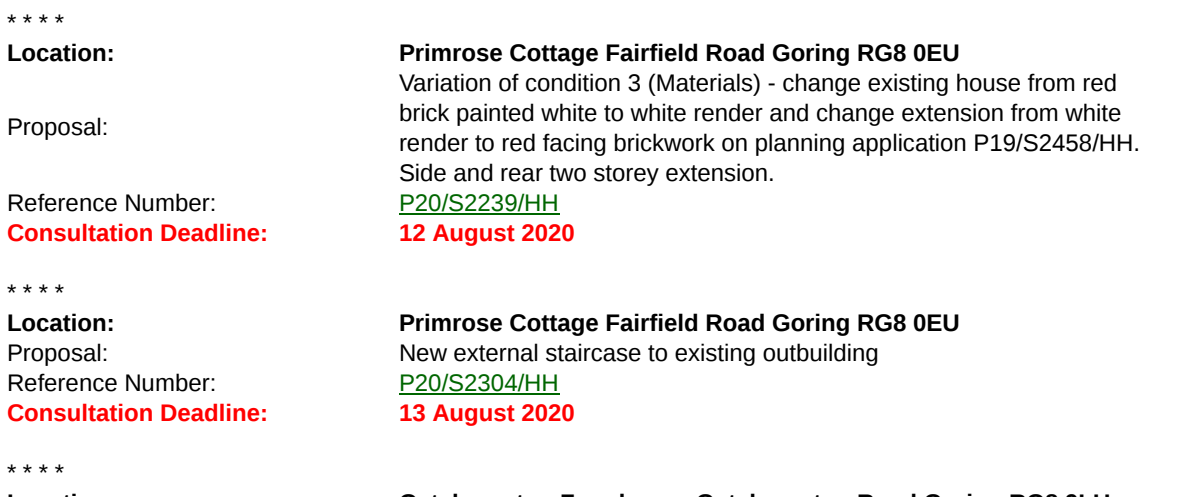
The new 'Safety in Neighbours' campaign is to help your neighbours and local community lock down on burglaries this summer. Information on how to get started can be found [here](#).

Further information on the prevention of burglary is [here](#) and on the [national website](#).



Goring Crime Incidents in July

- 06/07/20 – Public Order Tesco's
- 12/07/20 – Wildlife crime – (Kite had been found shot)
- 13/07/20 – Criminal damage (neighbour dispute)
- 16/07/20 – Theft of vehicle – Elvendon Road
- 25/07/20 – Theft of parcel (doorstep theft of Hermes parcel)
- 26/07/20 – Hate incident



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 five applications for Goring, six for Streatley, and two for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: The Brambles Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LD
Proposal: Rear extension up to existing retaining wall and roof alterations to existing house
Reference Number: 20/01449/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: Thu 30 July 2020

Location: Kiddington Cottage Aldworth Road Streatley Reading RG8 9RE
Proposal: New pool building and pool with associated landscaping
Reference Number: 20/01313/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 10 August 2020

Location: The Lodge Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH
Proposal: New driveway sliding wooden gates, new pedestrian wooden gate and brick gate posts to the front of the property.
Reference Number: 20/01552/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: Duzac The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL
Proposal: Replacement chalet bungalow
Reference Number: 20/01602/FULD
Consultation Deadline: 13 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: 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: 18 First 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

Location: Primrose Cottage Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EU
Proposal: Variation of condition 3 (Materials) - change existing house from red brick painted white to white render and change extension from white render to red facing brickwork on planning application P19/S2458/HH. Side and rear two storey extension.
Reference Number: P20/S2239/HH
Consultation Deadline: 12 August 2020

Location: Primrose Cottage Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EU
Proposal: New external staircase to existing outbuilding
Reference Number: P20/S2304/HH
Consultation Deadline: 13 August 2020

Location: Gatehampton Farmhouse Gatehampton Goring RG8 9LU
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and new garage building with basement on similar footprint. First floor glazed extension to main house. Application is a revision to a similar application approved with no changes to the first floor extension and revision to the garage building. These are: Omission of basement to garage. Increase of garage length by 2m. Increase in garage height by 600mm. Revision to front elevation to include single door, circular window and facing flintwork.
Reference Number: P20/S2349/HH
Consultation Deadline: 26 August 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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