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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 September

In this issue: More road closures; running races through Goring; fuel bill help; local shops & Eat Out updates; flu jabs; local crime report; Becket exhibition - and our latest update of new planning applications.

Three More Road Closures

1. A340/A4 Theale Roundabout: overnight closure

Phase 1: 1-3 September 19.00 to 05.00 Phase 2: 3-4 September 19.00 to 05.00

The diversion for Phase 1 is shown on this PDF file: Phase 1. The Diversion for Phase 2 is shown on this file: Phase 2.

For those driving between Pangbourne and the roundabout, the diversion is through Theale village, via the turning a short distance north of the roundabout. Blue light access will be maintained throughout and the diversion will be signed on site.

All enquiries please contact West Berkshire Council on 01635 519080.

2. Postponement and revised dates for Whitchurch Hill Closure

Delay has meant the operative dates are now from 7 September for 4 weeks.

Vehicles probibited in part of Whitchurch Hill. (Works at Hartslock Bridleway to 60metres past the Old Lodge.)

Appropriate traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force. Exemptions are included for emergency services and for the works and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road.

The alternative route for traffic is via the B471, A329 Pangbourne, Streatley, B4256 Crays Pond and vice versa. See the traffic plan here.

All enquiries please contact:: Traffic Regulations Team (Ref T8016/AC) for the Director for Infrastructure Delivery, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND. 0345 310 1111.

3. Road Closure – B4009 Wallingford Road, Goring

21 September to 23 September: off-peak and between 9am and 3pm.

The Wallingford Road will be closed to all motor vehicles south of the Elvendon Road /Mill Road crossroads. (Approximately up to the entrance to Milldown Road and including Goring Primary School.) Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor. This is for Mini Patching & overlay improvement works.

See the plan here for the suggested alternative route.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Daniel Depp, Oxfordshire County Council on 0345 310 11 11.



Message from the Goring & Woodcote **Medical Practice**

Flu Vaccination

Please do call us now to book your seasonal flu immunisation at our COVID safe October Saturday clinics if you are 65 years and over (or 65 by 31 March 2021) or aged 18 years and over and in one of the clinical risk groups (do ask us if you are unsure).

For patients aged 50 years and over (and not in the clinical risk groups), we are awaiting further information

about the national plan for immunising this group of patients, to include supply of vaccine. As soon as we have more information, we will let patients know.

The plan for immunising eligible children registered with the Practice will be announced soon - parents will be notified by us.

We will also let patients know when there is more news about a possible vaccine for COVID-19. Please do contact the Practice or Julia Beasley, Practice Manager 01491 870230 juliabeasley@nhs.net if you have any queries regarding this. Thank you.

Three large long distance running races will be passing through the Goring Gap

These races, each involving hundreds of competitors, will be using Goring Village Hall as a base.

Centurion Running is a long-distance trail event organiser with races routed mainly through AONBs in the south of England, with the Goring Gap a regular destination. These races are well organised and will be conducted safely within government guidelines, especially social distancing, and all staff and volunteers will be supplied with full PPE.



However, residents may wish to avoid those areas in the villages where there are pinch points and narrow pavements and paths. Although the competitors will be very conscious of the need for social distancing and will try to avoid running too close to members of the public, it should be remembered the racers have in mind speed and getting personal best times for the race.

The 3 underlined race headings below are links to all the race information and maps you will need to check the



exact routes and timing of each event:

<u>'Thames Path 100' – 5 & 6 September 2020</u>

The 100 mile race starts in Richmond, Surrey and finishes in Oxford. Runners will pass through Goring and Streatley between 5.30pm on 5 September and 5.30am on 6 September. (The race is full with 300 starters. The course record is 14hr 10mins.)

<u> 'Chiltern Wonderland 50' – 12 September 2020</u>

The 50 mile loop starts and finishes in Goring. Runners will be using local tow paths and other paths and tracks. (The race is full with 250 starters. The course record is 6hr 26mins.)

<u>'Autumn 100' – 10 October 2020</u>

This 100 mile event starts and finishes in Goring, with 4 x 25 mile spurs starting and finishing at Goring Village Hall. Runners depart Goring at 9am for Long Wittenham. The third leg runs out and back through Streatley and the fourth uses the Streatley tow path as for the Chiltern Wonderland. (The race is full with 250 starters. The course record is 14hr 2mins.)



"THANK YOU" is the message the local restaurants and other participating establishments would like Genie to pass on to all the people who 'ate out to help out' in support of our local hospitality sector in Goring and Streatley.

Following a survey by Genie of the nine local participating restaurants, by all accounts the feedback (pun intended) from those involved is that the scheme is a great success.

Of course, their diners have also enjoyed a healthy discount, so everyone seems to be happy. Eight out of nine eating establishments listed in previous articles have reported a welcome increase in business during the Monday to Wednesday periods, with some reporting an extremely good uplift. Importantly, most have not seen their trade drop off during the rest of the week, so it is real additional

business, not just a switch from the end of the week to the beginning.

According to HM Treasury figures, 84,000 restaurants, bars and cafes have registered for the scheme and the FSB (Federation of Small Businesses) and other commentators have said the scheme has been an overwhelming success. Treasury figures show diners used the scheme over 64 million times in the first 3 weeks, but the government has no plans, at least at this point, to extend the scheme into September. However, many businesses throughout the country who are benefiting from this Covid-support scheme are considering extending the same offer, or very similar ones, and funding the discount themselves, including Don Giovanni in Goring. Other local establishments are considering other types of deals for the future to help them through what is still a difficult time for the whole hospitality sector.

Your latest update (Update 10 @ 30 August) 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 here, to the right, on the Home Page.

Since there are now very few changes to the openings and timings, this is the last update Genie will be producing for the moment.



PILGRIMAGE – An Exhibition of Textiles, Flower Displays and History

In St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Goring from 10 to 13 September.

This year Goring Parish Church is celebrating the life of Thomas Becket, its Patron Saint, 850 years after his murder in 1170. Thomas was canonised in 1173 and his shrine in Canterbury became the most important centre of pilgrimage in England before it was destroyed on the orders of Henry VIII in 1538.

The exhibition of colourful and beautifully crafted textile panels by the Gap Textile Group and flowers by the St Thomas' Flower Arrangers will illustrate various aspects of pilgrimage and these displays will be accompanied other artworks and poetry.

This exhibition, with the information panels produced by Goring Gap Local History Society, will provide a background to the interesting history of the church and Becket,

Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162, along with the 'Goring Feast', a long-forgotten local festival that links the two. (An example of one of the many textile exhibits is used in the graphic for this article).

The Exhibition is free and open from 10am-5pm on Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 and 12noon-5pm on Sunday 13.

Organise fuel bills and suppliers before winter – Citizens Advice tip

Did you know that Citizens Advice has advisers who can help you sign up with a new fuel or electricity company, or switch to a better tariff?



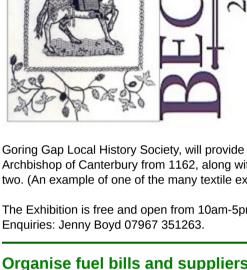
There's no charge for their time and you won't be steered towards one particular supplier, because they're impartial,

having no links with any of them. They offer one-on-one sessions (by telephone at present) and they'll take a close look at your individual situation. Now is the time to sort it out before winter closes in with cold autumn gales. They can:

- help you understand energy bills and various kinds of tariffs, supporting you if you want to switch and calculating the savings you might make. If you've fallen behind on bill payments, they can advise you on ways to reduce your debt.
- tell you about energy efficiency measures around the house, like draught-proofing windows and doors and installing LED light bulbs. Grants may be available to pay for thermal insulation.
- check your benefit entitlements and help you to claim them if you're eligible. There are several helpful schemes like the Priority Services Register and the Warm Home Discount.

Also if you have any complaints against your current supplier, they can help you resolve them.

You can find the relevant information on their website at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/energy or phone their Adviceline on 0300 330 9042.





Local Crime Report

Here is the list of incidents in Goring during August

01/08/20	- Shoplifting, Tesco
05/08/20	- Burglary of garage, bike taken
07/08/20	- Action Fraud
11/08/20	- Action Fraud
12/08/20	- Action Fraud
26/08/20	- Action Fraud

'Action fraud' incidents have increased in Goring, as in many other places.

What is classified as 'Action Fraud'?

Fraud is when trickery is used to gain a dishonest advantage, which is often financial, over another person. Cyber crime is any criminal act dealing with computers and networks.

So, 'Action Fraud' is any type of scam, bank fraud or cyber crime where people lose money from their bank accounts, either over the telephone or on their computers or mobile phones, and when usually no physical crime is committed.

NATIONAL HELP:

For more on all types of fraud and cyber crime and how to report it, visit the National ActionFraud website.

ActionFraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The service is run by the City of London Police working alongside the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) who are responsible for assessment of the reports and to ensure that your fraud reports reach the right place. The City of London Police is the national policing lead for economic crime.

Cyber Aware is the UK government's advice on how to stay secure online during coronavirus.

LOCAL HELP:

Top 10 Covid-19 scams

Information on local crime statistics, 'crime maps' for all villages in the area and general advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime:

Goring, South Stoke & Oxfordshire villages: Henley Neighbourhood Police Team (email: HenleyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Streatley & West Berkshire villages:

Pangbourne Neighbourhood Police Team



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, three for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location:

Proposal:

Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:

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* * * * Location: Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY Section 73A: Variation of Condition 6 - Hours of work, of approved application 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. 20/01867/HOUSE 15 September 2020

West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY The addition of a kitchen vent through the roof of the rear extension 20/01940/LBC2 16 September 2020

Thatched Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY T1 - Pyrus - Cut to ground level. 20/01845/TPC 21 September 2020

SOUTH STOKE

Location:	Land adjacent to Woodcote Road Woodcote Road South Stoke RG8 0JJ
	Discharge of condition 3 - Schedule of Materials on application ref.
	P19/S2865/RM Application for approval of reserved matters relating to
	appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following application
	P17/S3206/O for residential development (up to 5 dwellings), and
	associated works, including access. (As amended by Site Plan
	PP1012-A, Soft Landscape Plan 0747.1.1 Rev D, Landscape Visual
	Impact Assessment V4 01.10.19 and Preliminary Ecological Appraisal
	Update 2019 and amended Construction Method Statement and
	visibility splays accompanying email from agent received 15 October
Proposal:	2019 and Arboricultural Method Statement updated October 2019 and
	Drainage Plan 003 Revision P10) Discharge of conditions 1-16 on
	application ref. P17/S3206/O. 1 - Submission of RM and
	commencement, 2 - Approved plans 3 - Dwellings not to exceed 5 , 4 -
	Mix of dwellings. 5 - Landscaping scheme, 6 - Tree protection 7 -
	Biodiversity enhancement and mitigation 8 - Surface water drainage, 9 - Access 10 - Vision splay, 11 - Construction Traffic Management Plan
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* * * * Location: Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** Construction Method Statement. P20/S2897/DIS Target Date: 18 September 2020

Rear of Cleeve Cottages Goring RG8 0DG Modification of Planning Obligation of P16/S3001/O "not to allow or permit occupation of the sixth dwelling until Affordable Housing Contribution paid to the District Council. P20/S2804/MPO

12 - No surface water drainage to highway 13 - Details of refuse and recycling storage, 14 - Fire Hydrants 15 - Hours of operation, 16 -

Target date 31 August 2020

Former Lloyds Bank High St Goring RG8 9AT Change of Use of part A5 user class (Hot Food Takeaway) to A3 user

class (Restaurant), Sui Generis use as taxi office and residential use at first floor to remain. P20/S2373/FUL

3 September 2020

Grange Court Grange Close Goring RG8 9DL Discharge of conditions flood depth, landscaping) & archaeological watching brief on P19/S2397/FUL alteration & extension of two existing apartments to form one dwelling P20/S2681/DIS Target date 8 September 2020

3 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA

Remove 2 existing timber garden rooms, replace with single timber garden room. P20/S2495/HH

15 September 2020

1 Grove Farm Cottages, Goring RG8 0LU

Removal of 2 bays of existing agricultural building and relocation of access. Alterations to existing brick & flint building to: phase A provide additional rooms to Cottage at No1; phase B - create new independent dwelling with provision of garden, parking and new P20/S2989/FUL 18 September 2020

94 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR

Single/double storey rear extension, garage conversion, additional window to ground floor. P20/S3006/HH

19 September 2020

The Orchard Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP

Single-storey dwelling & conversion of existing dwelling as ancillary residential accommodation P20/S2910/FUL 23 September 2020

Glendale Elmhurst Road Goring RG8 9BN Erection of a 3-bed detached dwelling. P20/S2961/FUL 30 September 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-planningapplication

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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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