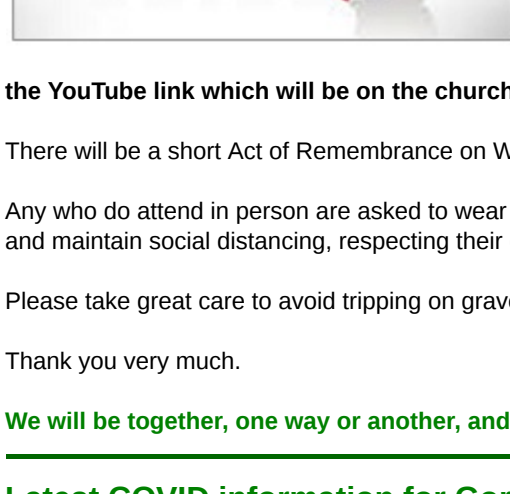


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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 November

In this issue: Remembrance Day; Latest Covid news; Open & Closed; SODC Plan 2035; Crime Report; Genie reporters needed; Cycle Event results - and our latest update of parish council meetings and new planning applications.



Remembrance Sunday 8 November 10.50am

The three parish churches will be holding their services this day and on Wednesday 11th, around the War Memorials in each churchyard at St Mary's, Streatley, St Thomas', Goring and St Andrew's, South Stoke.

This year we are live-streaming the Remembrance Sunday service from Goring starting at 10.50am. You are all warmly invited and encouraged to join live by the YouTube link which will be on the churches' website the day before: www.thomandmary.org.uk

There will be a short Act of Remembrance on Wednesday 11th at each memorial too.

Any who do attend in person are asked to wear a face covering, will need to give their name and contact details and maintain social distancing, respecting their own and others' 'bubble groups' at all times.

Please take great care to avoid tripping on grave kerbs and do not lean on grave stones.

Thank you very much.

We will be together, one way or another, and 'We will remember them'.

Latest COVID information for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke residents

During the past 9 months since the coronavirus pandemic has transformed our lives, much local information has been produced and distributed by various means to residents to provide help and support. It is clear that with the current phase of the crisis this flow of information will need to continue for the foreseeable future and will need to reach as many people as possible in the most efficient manner.

Important information will be distributed in a new series of numbered newsletters called 'Covid-19 Updates', which will be distributed by Genie and in a number of other ways. To read the first Update CLICK HERE.

Improving local Covid information for residents:

Following several surveys with local residents of the three parishes to assess the effectiveness in providing the information people want, plans are underway to make it easier to find and access the essential information, as soon it will all be in one place.

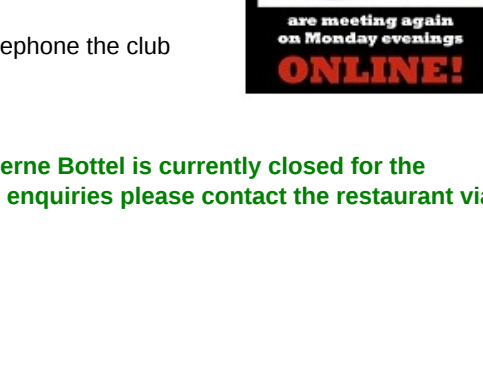
There will be a new Covid-dedicated website. This will contain all the relevant local, regional and national information, as well as links to the three authoritative government websites, GOV.UK, PHE (Public Health England) and ONS (Office of National Statistics). The new website, currently under construction, will be comprehensive but will present the necessary information in a succinct and visual way. It will also focus on the local help and support measures available.

When this new Covid website is finished, there will be a link to it on every Genie newsletter and on Genie's website. There will also be links to it in many other places, including parish council and other relevant websites, social media, posters and leaflets. Therefore accessing the new website will be very easy for online households. So, many ways to access the website, but only this one source of information so people will know it is always up-to-date and can be trusted.

Improving distribution of Covid information:

To maximise the distribution of this Covid information to as many residents as possible - and as efficiently as possible, we would like residents who are online to receive updates digitally, preferably by email, as their main source of Covid information.

The long blue bar on the chart on the right, from one of the recent surveys, shows that many people are still relying on letter drops to receive important information. Whilst some in this group may not be online, possibly many are - but are still not signed up to receive information digitally.



So, please encourage people who you think may not be receiving Genie newsletters to sign up for these fortnightly green-topped bulletins which are published on the 16th and 30th of every month. (They will also receive the special red-topped 'Public Information' alerts which are only sent out when there is an emergency or a very urgent news flash which can't wait for the scheduled newsletter.)

For people not on the internet, there need to be other, non-digital methods to distribute essential Covid information to this group. Details about these methods will be released when they have been finalised.

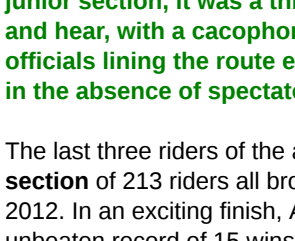
NOTE: Oxford city (but not the rest of Oxfordshire) will be placed under Tier 2 Covid-9 restrictions (High) tomorrow (00.01 Saturday 31 October). There is speculation that the whole of Oxfordshire may be moved up to Tier 2 soon, as reported in Genie on 23 October. Compare the latest official government infection rate figures per 100,000 population of Oxford with those of Goring for the 7 days to 24 October. (Streatley's rate was lower).

Open and Closed



more details on the club's website www.bridgeevents.com/goringstreatley

If you are interested in applying to join the 'Virtual Club', please telephone the club secretary, Giles Phillips, on 0149187169 for more information.



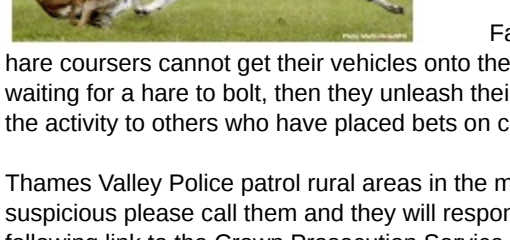
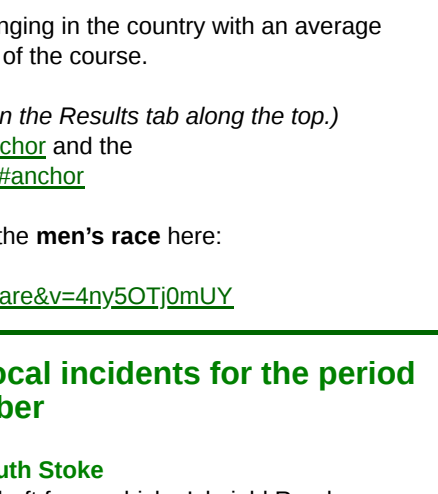
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3. Don Giovanni at the Leatherne Bottel is currently closed for the winter until March 2021. Any enquiries please contact the restaurant via its website.

Genie is seeking more volunteers and budding cub reporters to help look out for local stories of interest and gather information for our fortnightly Village Matters newsletter

In particular, we would like help with compiling information for our regular items such as our Local Crime Reports (as below) and also Genie Traffic Reports and High Street News.

Full support will be given. No experience is needed, but just 'attention to detail' and a willingness to help provide this useful community service. If you would like to know more and how to start at the bottom - and perhaps rise to the top, please email news@genienews.org. Thank you.



'Local Plan 2035' latest - Main modifications now out for consultation

The emerging Local Plan 2035 is currently being progressed to adoption under a Direction from the Secretary of State. The Plan and its supporting studies set out the future for development in South Oxfordshire up to 2035. Together they identify locations for housing, retail and employment land as well as the infrastructure required to support this growth. The policies in the plan will be used as the starting point to help make decisions on planning applications in the district.

Details can be seen on SODC's Local Plan 2035 web page.

For more information about this and also SODC's Corporate Plan, Affordable Housing, Financial support for businesses and people on low incomes and other issues, including the councils new HQ now to be built in Didcot (as reported previously in Village Matters on 16 October), click HERE.

National Hill Climb Championships record smashed last Sunday on Streatley Hill - 3 times in a row

With a total line up of over 400 riders, including the junior section, it was a thrilling occasion to watch - and hear, with a cacophony of cow bells rung by officials lining the route encouraging the contestants in the absence of spectators.

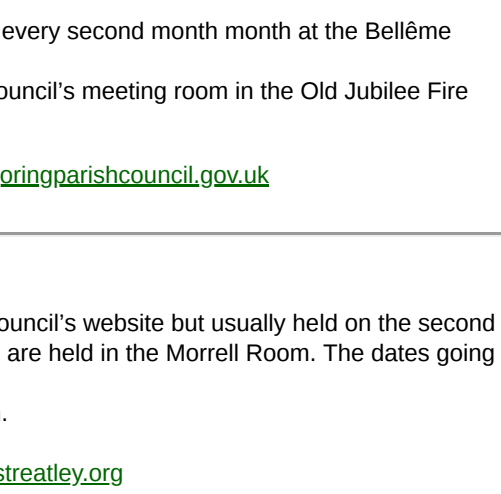


Photo: Genie News

The last three riders of the afternoon in the men's section of 213 riders all broke the course record with the winner taking 11 seconds off the previous record set in 2012. In an exciting finish, Andrew Feather (pictured), reigning 2019 National Hill Climb Champion with an unbeaten record of 15 wins out of 15 races in a row this season, set a new course record.

- 1st place: Andrew Feather 2 minutes 04.8 seconds. (Ave speed 14.516 mph). 2nd place: Tom Bell 2 minutes 05.9 seconds (Ave speed 14.400 mph). 3rd place: Adam Kenway 2 minutes 08.6 seconds. (Ave speed 14.062 mph).

Winner of the women's race was Bithja Jones 2 mins 47.9 secs (Ave speed 10.778 mph) from Reading and rides for Pankhurst Cycles in Pangbourne. The women's race was a record breaker in terms of number of female athletes competing, with 142 entered in total and 30% of the overall field

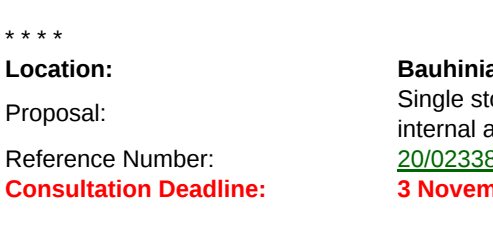
(Previous course records were: Men: Rob Gough (2012) 2mins 16.1 secs and Women: Bithja Jones (2019) 3mins 03.3 secs.)

Streatley Hill course (No HCC005) at 0.75km is one of the most challenging in the country with an average gradient of 13% and a maximum of 25.9% rising 100m over the length of the course.

Race results and full details can be found here. (Click the link and then the Results tab along the top.)

Women's race: https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-report/20826#anchor and the Men's race: https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/race-report/21366#anchor

Video highlights (best full screen and with sound up) can be seen of the men's race here: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JKw14BnJ3vg and the women's race here: https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=4ny50TJ0mUJ



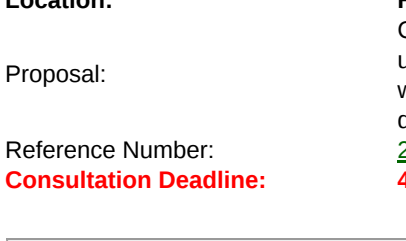
Reported local incidents for the period up 23 October

Goring and South Stoke

- 28/09/20 Theft from vehicle, Icknield Road
13/10/20 Hare coursing, South Stoke
16/10/20 RTC, Icknield Road (Road Traffic Collision)
17/10/20 RTC, Cleeve Down
18/10/20 Hare Coursing, South Stoke
19/10/20 Parking Obstruction
23/10/20 Theft of wallet

Streatley

- 14/10/20 Burglary, lead roofing, Rectory Road



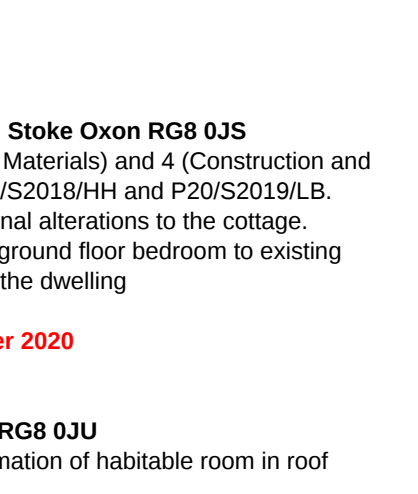
Hare coursing is illegal in the UK and can occur anywhere in rural areas. Hare coursers often for fields away from houses with easy access/egress and look open areas at dawn and dusk.

Farmers sometimes put farm vehicles or other barriers in place so hare coursers cannot get their vehicles onto the land. Men may be seen walking along the edges of a field waiting for a hare to bolt, then they unleash their lurchers. Often they use mobile phones to video and live-stream the activity to others who have placed bets on certain outcomes.

Thames Valley Police patrol rural areas in the most likely locations, but if members of the public see anything suspicious please call them and they will respond quickly if they can. Prosecutions require good evidence and the following link to the Crown Prosecution Service section on hare coursing provides all the details to help gather the correct type of evidence to convict and successfully prosecute the culprits: https://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/guidance/hare-coursing

MEETING DATES OF FORTHCOMING Parish Council meetings and MINUTES Parish Council meetings made at previous meetings

The purpose of 'Meetings & Minutes' is to help keep residents of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke informed about their council's forthcoming meetings and to provide easy access to the minutes of previous meetings. Please note that meeting dates may change and extra meetings may be called. This will be shown on the website.



All council meetings are open to the public and the press (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) and probably most, in the foreseeable future, will be 'virtual' ones due to the Covid-19 pandemic. At the beginning of every meeting there is usually a 'Public Forum' when members of the public can address the council. Click on the link below for your parish council's web page for up-to-date details of meetings, agendas, minutes and how to log on etc.

Goring-on-Thames PC

Monday 9 November 2020 - 7.30pm (Full Council Meeting)

Tuesday 24 November 2020 - 7.30pm (Planning Meeting)

- Council meetings are usually on the second Monday of every second month at the Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall.
Planning committee meetings are usually held in the council's meeting room in the Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring on Thames.

Contact details for the clerk: Tel: 01491 874444. Email: clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk

Streatley PC

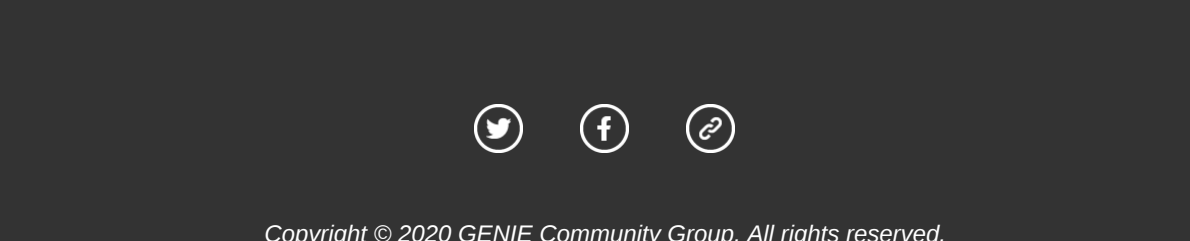
Dates of individual meetings are not normally published on the council's website but usually held on the second Monday of every month (except August), starting at 7.30pm, and are held in the Morrell Room. The dates going forward for 2020/21 are: 9 November, 14 December, 11 January, 8 February and 8 March.

Contact details for the clerk: Tel: 01491 8729311. Email: clerk@streatley.org

South Stoke PC

Council meetings are usually held on the third Monday of each month (except December) in South Stoke Village Hall.

Contact details for the clerk: Email: clerk@southstoke.org.uk



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 five for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

- Location: 6 Hill Gardens Streatley Reading RG8 9QF
Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory/sun room, proposed single storey rear extension. Modifications to existing window and door openings
Reference Number: 20/02204/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 29 October 2020
Bauhnia Three Gables Lane Streatley Reading RG8 9LJ
Single storey front extension to replace existing gabled and internal alterations
Reference Number: 20/02338/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 3 November 2020
The Coach House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY
T1 - Pine - Fell
T2 - Birch - Reduce height and spread by 1-1.5m
T3 - Birch - Reduce height by 2m and spread by 1m
T4 - Hornbeam - Reduce height by 2m and spread by 1.5-2m
Reference Number: 20/02232/TPC
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 3 November 2020
Highmeadow Cottage Streatley Hill Streatley Reading RG8 9RD
Conversion of the garage roof space to a home office, ancillary to the use of the property as a dwellinghouse. Construction of 2 no. dormer windows, erection of an external steel staircase and installation of a door at the head of the staircase to provide access into the new room
Reference Number: 20/02346/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 4 November 2020

SOUTH STOKE

- Location: Red Kite House Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL
Proposal: Proposed demolition of existing conservatory with replacement orangery.
Reference Number: P20/S3579/HH
Consultation Deadline: 2 November 2020
Copperfields Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL
Front and side extension including alterations to roof to form chalet bungalow.
Reference Number: P20/S3636/HH
Consultation Deadline: 4 November 2020
Frewins Close The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposed swimming pool in rear garden and ancillary building.
Reference Number: P20/S3699/HH
Consultation Deadline: 9 November 2020
Plough Cottage The Street South Stoke Oxon RG8 0JS
Discharge of Conditions 3 (Sample Materials) and 4 (Construction and Joinery Details) of applications P20/S2018/HH and P20/S2019/LB. 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/S3650/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 November 2020
6 Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JU
Certificate of Lawful use for the formation of habitable room in roof space with side dormer.
Reference Number: P20/S3680/LDP
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 27 November 2020

GORING

- Location: The Old Farmhouse Station Road RG8 9HD
Proposal: Replace asbestos guttering with new heritage black aluminium gutters/downpipes, in keeping with the Old Farmhouse building & consistent with the gutters on gable-end of the Barn
Reference Number: P20/S3384/LB
Consultation Deadline: 4 November 2020
Junction of Station Rd/Red Cross Rd RG8 9HG
Change of use of ground floor from hairdressers to two flats
Reference Number: P20/S3471/N5B
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 11 November 2020
Chalfont Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES
Addition of x2 high level rooflights to north and east pitches of new extension roof. Slate roof covering to rear single storey extension.
Reference Number: P20/S3832/HH
Consultation Deadline: 12 November 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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To comment on any of these stories please email contact@genienews.org To send in news items, use news@genienews.org

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