

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 December

In this issue: Christmas Happenings; Advent Windows; Deck the Doors; Shop Local; Book your Flu Vaccination; Updates on Bus and Train timetables – and our latest update of parish council meetings and new planning applications.



Deck the Doors!

Members of Village Greenfingers are inviting residents of Goring and Streatley to join them in decorating their doors to help bring cheer to our villages for the festive season.

Any decorations on your door, whether homemade or bought in, will make a difference and brighten up our lives at the end of what has been an exceptionally bad year for everyone.

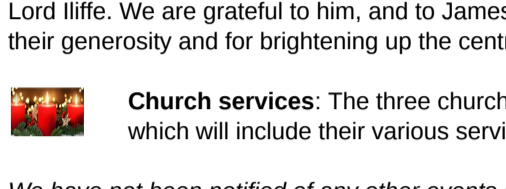
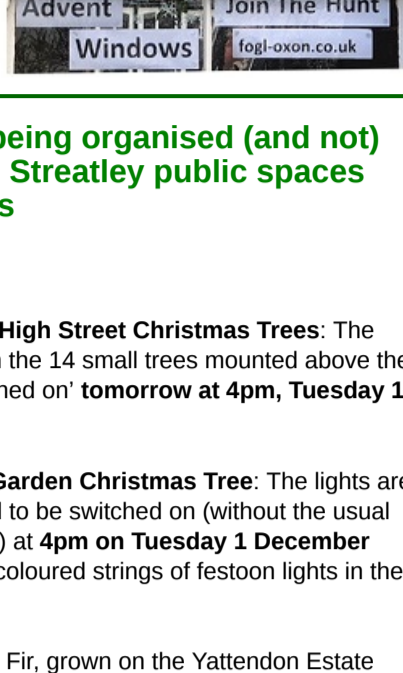
Whatever you can do to 'deck your door' will cheer up someone walking past and show we are looking forward to a better, brighter 2021. Holly, ivy, fir cones or even sprouts, together with a bow, bauble or two and some tinsel or fairy lights will make a statement that we can beat the virus and are 'Carrying On'!

Village Greenfingers is a local organisation for members with a love of gardening and whether you have 10 acres or just a window box, it's the club for you.

Advent Windows

The Friends of Goring Library and Kate, our Library Manager, are organising an Advent Window Trail around the villages this December. Visit www.fogl-oxon.co.uk every day during Advent to see the latest window. A map will show the locations of each one so that you can go and view them in person. By 24 December our two villages should look wonderfully festive and jolly! Thank you to everyone who has agreed to design and display a window for our community. The first one is in the library window.

Happy hunting!



Read what's being organised (and not) in Goring and Streatley public spaces this Christmas

What's ON:

Goring High Street Christmas Trees: The lights on the 14 small trees mounted above the shops will be 'switched on' tomorrow at 4pm, Tuesday 1 December.

Rectory Garden Christmas Tree: The lights are scheduled to be switched on (without the usual ceremony) at 4pm on Tuesday 1 December too, along with the coloured strings of festoon lights in the trees in the garden.

The large Nordman Fir, grown on the Yattendon Estate from sustainable stock, has been donated once again by Lord Iliffe. We are grateful to him, and to James Hole, the new Managing Director of Yattendon Estates Ltd, for their generosity and for brightening up the centre of Goring for the festive season.

Church services: The three churches will be delivering a joint Christmas card in early December which will include their various services and websites for more detailed information.

We have not been notified of any other events at this point, but if we do, we will include them in the next issue on 16 December.

What's NOT ON:

Friday 4 December: The Late Night Christmas Shopping Event in Goring High Street

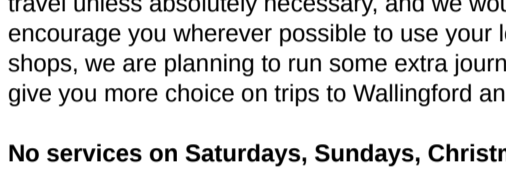
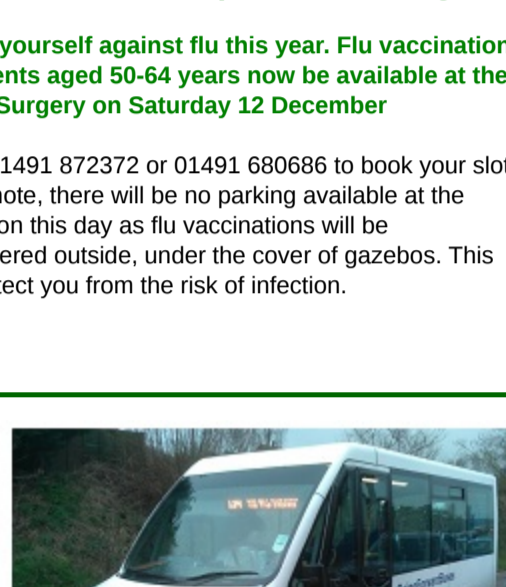
Thursday 24 December: The Christmas Eve Torchlight Procession and Carols event in Streatley Meadow

REMINDER – Please think about 'Shopping Local this Christmas', when you can, to support your local shops

As reported in the last issue of Village Matters, Genie has compiled a list of which shops are offering great value gifts for all the family and festive foods this Christmas. There are live links to their websites for buying online without leaving your home and phone numbers to give them a call.

You'll be very surprised just how much of what you may want is available right here and most shops will deliver to your doorstep too.

Click here to see 10 of the best shops in Goring High Street: [SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS](#)



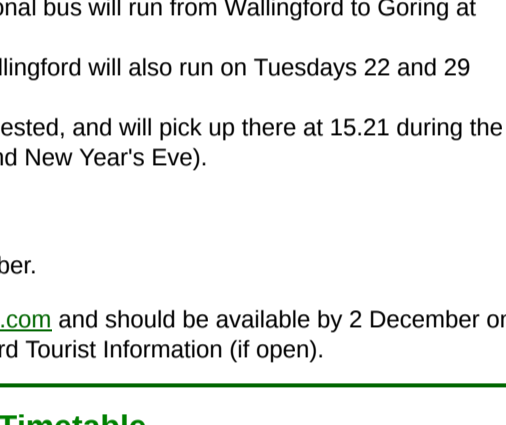
Flu Vaccination – Important Message

Protect yourself against flu this year. Flu vaccination for patients aged 50-64 years now be available at the Goring Surgery on Saturday 12 December

Phone 01491 872372 or 01491 680686 to book your slot. Please note, there will be no parking available at the surgery on this day as flu vaccinations will be administered outside, under the cover of gazebos. This is to protect you from the risk of infection.

Going Forward Buses – Service Changes

Following the lifting of the national lockdown, and Oxfordshire being moved into Tier 2, we are revising some of our services from 2 December 2020 until further notice.



Although the government's travel advice is still not to travel unless absolutely necessary, and we would encourage you wherever possible to use your local shops, we are planning to run some extra journeys to give you more choice on trips to Wallingford and to help maintain social distancing on the buses.

No services on Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Day, Monday 28 December or New Year's Day.

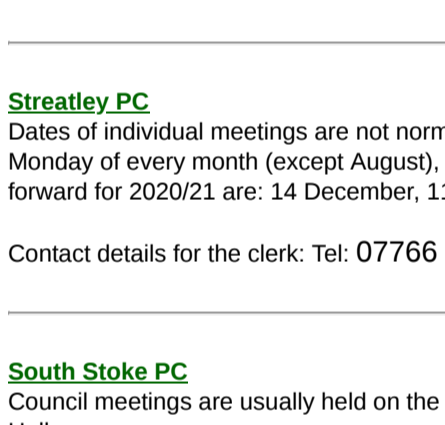
Route 134 (Goring to Wallingford):

- A revised service will operate on Fridays **only** from 2 December 2020 until further notice.
- The last journeys will now be at 15.45 from Goring station and 16.05 from Wallingford (14.55 and 15.20 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve).
- During the school holiday (18 to 31 December) an additional bus will run from Wallingford to Goring at 15.20.
- The 13.30 Wallingford to Goring and 13.55 Goring to Wallingford will also run on Tuesdays 22 and 29 December.
- The 13.55 and 14.35 from Goring will run via LiDL if requested, and will pick up there at 15.21 during the school holiday and at 16.06 (except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve).

Route D2 (Wallingford to Didcot via The Moretons):

- This service will **not** run on Tuesdays 22 and 29 December.

New timetables can be found on our website goingforwardbuses.com and should be available by 2 December on the bus, at Goring Railway Station, Goring Library and Wallingford Tourist Information (if open).



New Train Timetable

GWR has confirmed that off peak train services on Mondays to Saturdays from Goring will be restored to a half hourly frequency from Monday 14 December. The full peak service will also run.

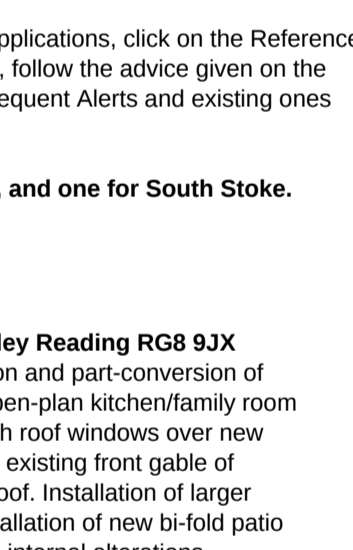
However, due to improvement works the last trains on Saturday evenings will be earlier than at present (23.48 from Reading) and the first train to Reading and London on a Sunday morning will be at 08.58.

Matthew Golton, Interim Managing Director of GWR says, 'as part of our support for Network Rail's improvement work around Didcot, Oxford and London Paddington and in recognition of the impact the Covid has had on our driver training programme, some weekend services will finish earlier on Saturday evenings, and start later on Sunday mornings. These services are lightly used currently, and by making this proactive decision now, we have been able to improve the ability to deliver important rail enhancement works during 2021. It will also mean we can reduce the potential for ad hoc and late notice cancellations.'

Full details of the new timetable are now available on the GWR website: <https://www.gwr.com/plan-journey/train-times>

MEETING DATES of forthcoming Parish Council meetings and MINUTES of decisions 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 be 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

Tuesday 15 December 2020 – 7.30 pm (Planning Committee 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: 14 December, 11 January, 8 February and 8 March.

Contact details for the clerk: Tel: 07766 541577 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. Next meeting: Tuesday 1 December at 7.30pm. See [website](#) for details.

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

Current local Planning Applications

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, five for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Lardon Lodge Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JX
Proposal: Construction of rear single storey extension and part-conversion of attached garage to create an enlarged, open-plan kitchen/family room and new utility room. New pitched roof with roof windows over new extension, ex-utility room and garage with existing front gable of garage retained and integrated into new roof. Installation of larger window in front wall of ex-utility room. Installation of new bi-fold patio door in rear wall of ex-kitchen. Associated internal alterations.
Reference Number: P20/S4324/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 8 December 2020

Location: Southridge House Streatley Reading RG8 9SJ
Proposal: New Greenhouse
Reference Number: P20/S2654/LBC2
Consultation Deadline: 10 December 2020

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Consultation Deadline: 10 December 2020

Location: 3 Hill Gardens Streatley Reading RG8 9QF
Proposal: Glazed timber infill to existing porch, timber cladding to front gable, blocking up of existing openings and insertion of windows and bifold door
Reference Number: P20/S4324/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 11 December 2020

Location: Elm Lodge Wallingford Road, Streatley RG8 9JR
Proposal: Internal alterations to existing listed building
Reference Number: P20/S4324/LBC2
Consultation Deadline: 11 December 2020

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Plough Cottage The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 4 (Construction and Joinery Details) on applications P20/S2018/HH & 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/S4049/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target Decision date: 8 December 2020

GORING

Location: 33 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY
Proposal: Single storey alterations/extension replacing integral garage with study; erection of bike store
Reference Number: P20/S4137/HH
Consultation Deadline: 10 December 2020

Location: 23 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY
Proposal: Demolition of rear lean-to; erection of a single storey side extension rooflights
Reference Number: P20/S4327/HH
Consultation Deadline: 11 December 2020

Location: Heathercroft Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT
Proposal: Discharge of conditions on application P20/S0017/FUL three dwellings with detached garages, landscaping works to include new access (not subject to public consultation)
Reference Number: P20/S3852/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 14 December 2020

Location: 3 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU
Proposal: Discharge of conditions on application P19/S3011/FUL. Variation of condition 2 (drawings) - alteration of design on application ref. P18/S2900/FUL - 2 dwellings (not subject to public consultation)
Reference Number: P20/S4191/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 16 December 2020

Location: Owl Dene Mill Road Goring RG8 9DD
Proposal: Discharge of conditions on application P20/S1621/HH - demolition and replacement of garage (not subject to public consultation)
Reference Number: P20/S3947/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 21 December 2020

Location: West Croft Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BG
Proposal: Discharge of condition on application P20/S0665/FUL - demolition and replacement of existing house (not subject to public consultation)
Reference Number: P20/S4324/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 4 January 2021

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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