

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 November

In this issue: Streatley High Street Closure; Covid update; Local Christmas Shopping; Library news; Village Hall latest; Charity clothing sale – and our latest update of parish council meetings and new planning applications.



Preparing for the festive period will be different this year, but consider 'shopping local this Christmas' when you can, to support your local shops.

We have compiled a list of which shops are offering what this Christmas.

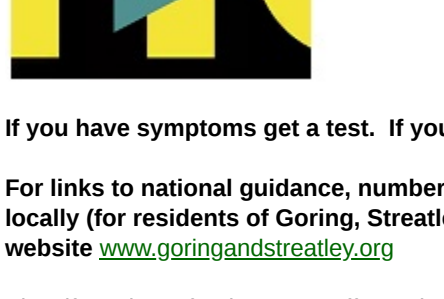
As reported in *Genie* last month, the traditional 'Late Night Christmas Shopping Event' in Goring High Street, originally planned for 4 December, is cancelled due to Covid-19, but the shops are already getting stocked for Christmas for after Lockdown.

So, to make shopping locally easier for you and reduce the need to buy your gifts and supplies online or from outside our area, *Genie* did a survey of all the forty or so local shops and businesses this month, to ask what they will be offering for the festive season. We found that Goring's shops alone can provide such a wide range of wonderful Christmas gifts and seasonal foods, you hardly need look further than the High Street for much of what you may want.

This pandemic has created great hardship for the local shops and hospitality sector, in common with most businesses in the country. Goring alone lost four businesses in the first lockdown, so any support you can provide to get through this second one will be welcomed.

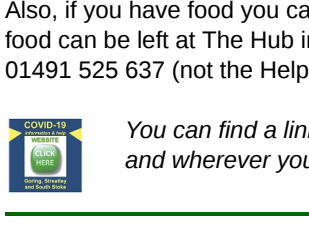
Sustaining our High Street shops now, to get them through this most difficult period, will ensure they survive and we can all enjoy the convenience of a healthy local economy for when some sort of normality and better times return.

From the survey results, *Genie* has compiled a list of the 10 shops which are offering Christmas gifts and seasonal food and produce from now until Christmas. Can you guess which 10 shops are on the list? Click here to find out: [SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS](#).



Covid-19 cases have continued to rise across West Berkshire (for week ending 6 November to 101.6 per 100,000 population) and South Oxfordshire (123 per 100,000) and there are cases occurring in the local areas on both sides of the river.


Please follow the national guidance. Click below to play a short NHS video (there is no sound):



If you have symptoms get a test. If you need help call your [Local Helpline](#) on 01491 525 639.

For links to national guidance, numbers of cases in our area, how to get a test and help we can offer locally (for residents of Goring, Streatley and South Stoke), go to the special new Covid-dedicated website www.goringandstreatley.org

Also, if you have food you can offer to the [Foodbank](#) we are still arranging collections and deliveries and any food can be left at The Hub in Goring Arcade. However, because of current national restrictions, please ring 01491 525 637 (not the Helpline number) and let us know when you would like to drop it off. Thank you.



You can find a link to the new local Covid website referred to above on *Genie's* website's home page and wherever you see this button.

Streatley High Street Closure

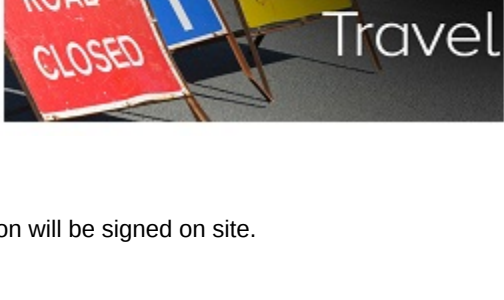
Streatley High Street will be closed on Sunday 22 November 2020, from 09.30 to 15.30. The closure will be from its junction with Church Lane to the west bank of the Streatley and Goring Bridge.

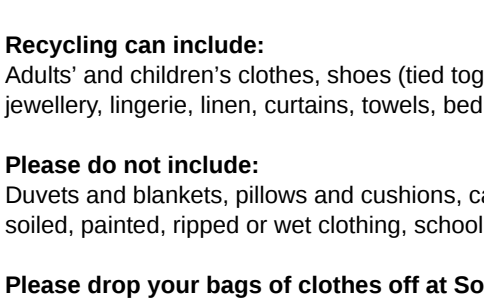
The alternative route for all vehicles affected is via A329, High St Pangbourne, B471 Whitchurch Rd (crossing the river via the Toll Bridge), B4526 (toward Goring), and vice versa.

Residential access will be maintained throughout and the diversion will be signed on site.

All enquiries should be directed to: KCD on 0800 316 9800.

Blue light access will be permitted.





Recycle old clothes and support South Stoke Primary School

South Stoke Primary School has organised a clothes & shoe collection with 'Bag2School'.

Any unwanted clothes can be taken to the collection point for recycling. Bags2School will collect and weigh the recycling and make a cheque out to the school.

Recycling can include:
Adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, linen, curtains, towels, bed linen.

Please do not include:
Duvets and blankets, pillows and cushions, carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, school uniforms with and without logo.

Please drop your bags of clothes off at South Stoke Recreation Ground between 8am and 9am on Monday 7 December.

For more information please contact **Heidi Tunney** on **07788716396**.

Lockdown Library Closure

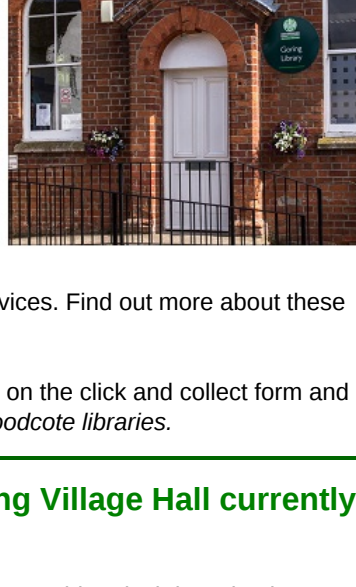
The Library is now closed until the end of lockdown

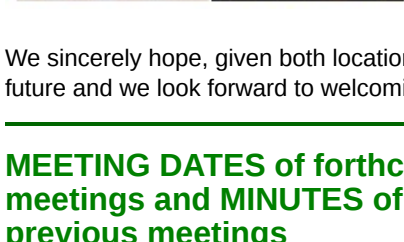
At the present time, that would mean reopening on Thursday 3 December, but this is entirely dependent on what the government decides over the course of the next few weeks.

Unlike the first lockdown earlier in the year the letterbox will remain open, so books can be returned. Kate will also be working in the library and you can call her on 01491 873028 with any questions.

Core libraries will remain open for the collection of books, audiobooks or DVDs you have ordered through the [online library catalogue](#) at <https://libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk/web/arena/welcome> or the click and collect services. Find out more about these at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraryclickandcollect>.

You can collect your items from **Didcot** or **Henley** (or other core libraries listed on the click and collect form and catalogue welcome page). *Note this service is **not** available from Goring or Woodcote libraries.*





Morrell Room and Goring Village Hall currently closed


Following the introduction of a new Covid-19 lockdown by the government we regret to inform all hirers that The Morrell Room and Goring Village Hall are both closed again for all but essential uses, as defined by government regulations.

We sincerely hope, given both locations are Covid-19 secure, that these restrictions can be relaxed in the near future and we look forward to welcoming users back just as soon as we're allowed to re-open.

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 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 24 November 2020 – 7.30 pm (Planning Committee Meeting)

- **Council meetings** are usually on the second Monday of every second month 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.

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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 eight applications for Goring, one for Streatley, and three for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location:	Thatched Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY
Proposal:	Newly constructed Oak timber framed car port
Reference Number:	20/02537/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	28 November 2020

SOUTH STOKE

Location:	Plough Cottage The Street South Stoke Oxon RG8 0JS
Proposal:	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

Location:	6 Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JU
Proposal:	Certificate of Lawful use for the formation of habitable room in roof space with side dormer.
Reference Number:	P20/S4368/DLP
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 27 November 2020

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:	Sheepcot Recreation Ground, Goring Tennis Club Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 0EN
Proposal:	Purpose built disabled toilet unit
Reference Number:	P20/S3658/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	20 November 2020

Location:	Upper Gatehampton House Goring RG8 9LT
Proposal:	Outdoor swimming pool
Reference Number:	P20/S3945/HH
Consultation Deadline:	24 November 2020

Location:	Thurle Down Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS
Proposal:	Demolition and replacement of dwelling house with associated external works
Reference Number:	P20/S3979/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	24 November 2020

Location:	Heathercroft Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT
Proposal:	Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) & 10 (Landscaping) on application P20/S0017/FUL three dwellings with detached garages, landscaping works to include new access
Reference Number:	P20/S4051/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	26 November 2020

Location:	6B Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS
Proposal:	Single storey rear and side extensions with addition of a dormer window and roof light to existing pitched roof
Reference Number:	P20/S4126/HH
Consultation Deadline:	26 November 2020

Location:	Chalfont Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES
Proposal:	Addition of 2 high level rooflights to north and east pitches of new extension roof. Slate roof covering to rear single storey extension. Amended/clarified
Reference Number:	P20/S3832/HH
Consultation Deadline:	27 November 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

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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