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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 26 January

In this issue: Covid Vaccinations, Latest Scams; Business 'as usual' in Goring High Street; QI Newsletter; Proposed Power station in the Gap; Twinning AGM; Reduced Train Services; learn about 5G - and our latest update of parish council meetings and new planning applications.



Progress on the local Covid-19 vaccination programme - an update

Following our article in the mid-December edition, when we reported that the Goring & Woodcote Medical Practice's COVID vaccination programme would start in the week commencing 21 December, we can report the programme is now well underway. The Practice team have been working very hard and in close partnership with their Primary Care Network (PCN) colleagues at Wallingford and Benson to manage the programme.

As of 14 January, the Practice has administered 887 doses of the Pfizer vaccine during two clinics at Wallingford Community Hospital. This represents nearly 9% of the Practice population and 11% of all eligible patients (ie those over 16 years of age).

Group 1 patients (eligible care home residents and staff) have all had their first dose and of Group 2 (eligible patients over 80), 88% have also had their first dose. By the week ending 21 January, over 1,200 doses of the vaccine will have been administered. The Practice doesn't have a choice about which vaccine is supplied or how much is allocated, but has just taken delivery of some of the Oxford vaccine and this will be administered to eligible patients in the coming days.

Please don't contact the Practice to ask about your vaccination – they will contact you when they are ready to book you into one of the vaccination clinics. Regular updates by the Practice on the vaccination programme will continue to be provided via Genie, GGN and on the Practice website.

The practice say that their team are totally committed to vaccinating as many patients as they can, as soon as they can. They greatly appreciate all the positive feedback and thanks they have received from patients and also the support given from the local community volunteer groups. This has really helped them keep their spirits high during this very busy, stressful and difficult time.



For up-to-date information about Covid, locally and nationally, and also the help and support available for residents in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke, visit the local Covid website HERE or from the Genie website where you see this icon.

Road Closure – B4009 to Newbury

The B4009 will be closed on 21 January 8am to 4pm from Bankside Cottage, Aldworth to the Four Points Inn

Any large vehicles needing access to properties north of the works will be permitted access, although a short delay is to be expected. Large vehicles using the B4009 should approach from the south only.



The diversion is via Reading Road, Aldworth (opposite the turning down to the Bell) via Ashamptead. A plan of the closure and diversion route can be found at: https://one.network/?tm=GB120377965

All enquiries please contact West Berkshire Council on 01635 519080.

Parking restriction on Streatley Hill

Due to the continued high number of ramblers using the Public Right of Way network around Sulham Hill and Streatley Hill there will be a no-parking restriction on the main road at these locations in order to prevent hazardous parking on the main road. The restriction will be in place from Friday (15 January) until such time as the demand for parking reduces. The restriction will be indicated by the presence of either yellow no waiting cones or double yellow lines on the following lengths: B4009 Streatley Hill (Streatley) for a distance of approx. 500m between its junctions with Lewendon Hill and The Coombe.



Update from Q1 Foundation – January 2021

Thank you from Q1 Foundation to everyone who supported our charity initiatives over Christmas. We

were thrilled to deliver over 40 Kindness Christmas Cards in the villages, and our Virtual Village Christmas Tree has raised over £100 to support the work of the Foundation – vital when we are unable to run many of our fundraising events.

In this current lockdown, we are continuing the Village Helpline service (funded by Goring and Streatley Parish Councils) - call 01491 525639 for support eg picking up prescriptions.

Although our Hub in the Arcade is currently closed to walk-in visitors, we are still able to provide advice and support to our community by telephone on 01491 525637 - eg signposting to support and services.

We have also been really busy supporting the local parish councils in setting up of the village Cascade system (to share information quickly in an emergency), and getting volunteers set up for marshalling and driving for the Covid vaccination clinics, with over 40 amazing volunteers being checked and signed up for various roles huge thanks to everyone who is stepping forward to volunteer with the Helpline, Q1 Foundation, and all these new initiatives!

We continue to take much-needed Foodbank donations at the Hub between 11am and 1pm Mondays to Fridays - please contactlessly drop any non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning products into the box outside during your daily exercise or an essential visit to the village.

Q1 Foundation is delighted to have also just partnered with All Yours, a group set up to address period poverty in our area. If you cannot afford sanitary products, please drop in to the Hub between 11am and 1pm Monday to Friday to collect a free All Yours box. Donations of sanitary products for the Foodbank and All Yours are welcomed in our donation box.

If you're feeling a little bored in lockdown, we are also supporting a new "Chess by Email" group for adults - if you'd like to join in, please email info@q1foundation.org.uk, letting us know your level/experience, and whether you have a chess set or not.

We're also planning a number of further activities and events – please do follow us on Facebook to keep up to date. https://www.facebook.com/GoringandStreatleyVillageHub

There's a lot going on in our little Hub - if you would like to get involved by donating to support our work, or volunteering, please do reach out to Claire Rhodes on 01491 525 637 or info@q1foundation.org.uk. As a small, local charity, your support goes a long way, and means the world to us! Thank you!

'Businesses open as usual'

Goring's beleaguered High Street shops and services are 'open as usual (Lockdown-style)' during the forthcoming weeks that the High Street is closed to



unauthorised vehicular traffic. The purpose of the road closure is to reconfigure the central section to enable pedestrian safety and traffic-calming measures to be carried out.

Pedestrian access to all the shops and services in the closed off area (between Cleeve Road and Manor Road), is available from both ends, should people need to go out for essential and legal reasons during lockdown.

The 3-week closure period, which commenced 11 January, should be completed by the end of the month if all goes to plan. A map and details of the three elements of the roadworks (raised table/pedestrian crossing, footway realignment and pavement buildout) can be accessed HERE. A map of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) can be accessed HERE.



Proposal for a 'Transitional Hybrid Energy Project (THEP)' in Goring off Wallingford Road

THEPs are designed to supply electricity during times of peak demand locally throughout the day.

Electricity demand varies throughout the day creating an imbalance between available capacity (supply) and consumption (demand).

Full details about how this supply is achieved, the technology involved, its proposed location and the consultation deadline for comments are below in our regular fortnightly listing of all local planning applications at the bottom of every issue of Village Matters.

Goring and District Twinning Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 28 January at 19:30 on Zoom and you are invited to join.

Given the current situation it should take less than 30 minutes to discuss what they did last year, their news and the current plans for this year.

Please mail chairman@goring-twinning.co.uk for the Zoom link.

If you have any items for the agenda, please send them to chairman@goring-twinning.co.uk by 21 January.





Find out all about 5G

Café Scientifique at Didcot is now online and offers free talks about science and technology. This month's free talk is '5G: What is it and why all the fuss?' and is presented by Dr Geof Haigh. To find out how to view the talk visit the Café Scientifique web site https://didcotfirst.org/cafe-scientifique/

GWR reduces train services

Following problems with staff availability due to Covid-19, GWR reduced train services across its network from Monday 4 January. For Goring this means that the recently restored halfhourly off-peak service is back to hourly again, although the peak hour service is largely unchanged. It is not known for how long these reductions will be in place - the advice is to always check the train company website before you travel.



Bracknell Forest Public Protection West Berkshire Partnership Wokingham

Coronavirus - COVID-19 - Update from **Public Protection Partnership Trading Standards Team**

Here is an excerpt from the press release. To see it in full, including details of the latest scams, click on the link at the bottom of this article.

Around the UK, Trading Standards are experiencing an increase in the number of complaints about scams, designed to prey on the concerns of people.

Unsolicited text messages, and emails will be scams - do not respond, delete immediately. HMRC / Your Bank / NHS do not contact people out of the blue asking for these details.

Our advice is:

Never click on any suspicious text or email links and do not engage with these messages. If you have any queries with your bank, HMRC, NHS, the Local Authority or any other business, then contact them directly. Do not click on any links or use any contacts given in these messages. Never give out any financial information.

The government are relying on emails and text messages as communication channels and we are already seeing scams circulating which have untrustworthy links in them. Many have seen text messages which look as though they come from GOV.UK and suggest that some kind of financial support package is available. They require your bank details and provide a link for you to click on. These texts are scams and should be deleted immediately. Remember, if the link does not end in "gov.uk" or "nhs.net", it is not legitimate.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) are taking down a lot of these malicious websites as soon as they become aware of them. If you are sent a suspicious email or text, you can report it via the Netcraft website at: https://report.netcraft.com/report.

Keep up to date:

The nature of scams is that they change on a regular basis, and we will continue to monitor these and push out further information. Your help is vital in reporting issues so that we can all stay safe.

Report any issues relating to Coronavirus to: vid-19/coronavirus-enforcement-form/

Scams can also be reported to Action Fraud and your local Citizens Advice:

Action Fraud: https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime Citizens Advice: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam/

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to see the full press release, including details of the latest scams.

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 26 January: 7.30 pm (Planning Committee Meeting)

- Monday 8 March: 7.30pm (Full Council 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: 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. See <u>website</u> for details

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 twelve applications for Goring, six for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

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previous growth of 3m.

20/02924/TPC

21 January 2021

20/02776/HOUSE

25 January 2021

STREATLEY

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SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

porch, to be built to match similar examples in neighbouring house 20/02780/HOUSE 26 January 2021 **Millstream House High Street Streatley RG8 9HS** Use of land for domestic garden & residential amenity, including storage, maintenance, repair, launching and mooring of private recreational craft P20/S4653/LDE Target decision date 29 January 2021 Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School The Coombe Streatley **Reading RG8 9Q** T809 Ash - Remove as part of proactive management T810 Ash - Fell to ground level T811 Ash - Repollard to previous pruning points T812 Sycamore - Remove deadwood and trapped branch T814 Sycamore - Reduce lateral spread towards play area by 2m. Remove deadwood. Remove rubbing branch WG1 Group Ash/Sycamore - Fell sycamore with broken laterals and squirrel damage. Apple - Remove or make safe lateral with stress fracture.

3 Place Manor Cottages Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8

Bay Tree (T1) - Along south boundary to be cut back to approx. 50% volume. Current height overshadows neighbour at number 2.

Row of Beech Hedgerow (T2) - Along North boundary to be cut back lateral growth by 1-2m to previous growth points and reduce height to

The Warren Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QE

3 Coombe Cottages The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 90P

Replacement of existing rotting wood porch with new brick and glazed

Remodelling and extension of west wing

T830 Cherry - Fell to ground level T847 Ash - Reduce lowest northern lateral over highway by 2m 20/02943/TPW 4 February 2021

Kiddington House Aldworth Road Streatley Reading RG8 9RE Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Archaeology) and 7 (Photographic Survey) of previous application 20/01313/HOUSE: New pool building and pool with associated landscaping 20/02773/COND1 25 February 2021

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	Station Road Goring RG8 9HG Change of use of hairdressers (A1) to two flats P20/S4449/FUL 17 January 2021
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Location:	Long Meadow Lodge Manor Road Goring RG8 9ED
Proposal:	Conversion and extension of existing garage to form domestic
Reference Number:	accommodation P20/S4700/HH
Consultation Deadline:	18 January 2021
* * * * Location:	11 Valley Close Goring RG8 0AN
Proposal:	Change of external materials replacing vertical tiles and timber
•	boarding with grey composite boarding.
Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	<u>P20/S4555/HH</u> 19 January 2021
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Location:	Land west of Wallingford Road adjacent to Sewage Works, Goring/South Stoke RG8 0JA
Dropocal:	Development & operation of a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project,
Proposal:	associated infrastructure & access
Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	P20/S4706/FUL 22 January 2021
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Location:	Upper Gatehampton House Goring RG8 9LT
Proposal:	Single storey side extension, alterations to existing garage to facilitate residential accommodation
Reference Number:	P20/S4779/HH
Consultation Deadline:	26 January 2021
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Location:	3 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA
Proposal:	Two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and
•	roof conversion.
Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	<u>P20/S4812/HH</u> 26 January 2021
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Location:	Icknield Lodge Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG Variation of condition 3 (Schedule of Materials) on application
Proposal:	P18/S1108/FUL, new dwelling with garage and access
Reference Number:	P20/S4818/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	26 January 2021
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Location:	Hillcrest 37 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY
Proposal:	Thermal upgrade - external insulation & roof lights on eastern roof; open plan kitchen-diner; upgrading bathrooms; air-source heat pump
Floposal.	installation
Reference Number:	P20/S4456/HH
Consultation Deadline:	26 January 2021
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Location:	Hairoun Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DG
Proposal:	Detached Oak Framed Garage.
Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	<u>P20/S4805/HH</u> 27 January 2021
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Location: Proposal:	51 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP Porch and Rear Extension
Reference Number:	P20/S4864/HH
Consultation Deadline:	27 January 2021
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Location:	Millstream House High Street Streatley RG8 9HS
Dropoocl	Use of land for domestic garden & residential amenity, including
Proposal:	storage, maintenance, repair, launching and mooring of private recreational craft
Reference Number:	P20/S4653/LDE
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 29 January 2021
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Location:	The Beehive Station Road Goring RG8 9HB
Proposal:	Retrospective application for the Demolition & replacement of single storey rear extension

Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** P20/S4603/HH 3 February 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-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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