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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 24 February

In this issue: Vaccinations update; Shameful behaviour; South Stoke Conservation Group; Streatley Book Exchange; Debt management; Genie Calendar, Boat Club news; GVH AGM; Goring brown bin collection; glasses found - and our latest update of parish council meetings and new planning applications.

Local Covid-19 vaccination rates well on target

The Goring and Woodcote Medical Practice is to be congratulated in contributing towards, indeed exceeding, the government's national Phase 1 vaccination target.

As of Saturday 13 February, the practice has given more than 2,400 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine (24% of total patient population). This includes all of cohorts 1-4 and they have made good inroads into cohort 5 also. (See explanation of cohort numbering system below*.)



They are now doing a further vaccination clinic on Friday 19 February. This will be at Wallingford Community Hospital because they are being allocated some more of the Pfizer vaccine. They hope to vaccinate another 250 patients with their first dose - patients should wait for their booking phone call from the Practice before attending as it is not a walk-in clinic.

A small number of patients have either been unable to be contacted (eg are abroad) or have declined the invitation to be vaccinated, but this is only 0.4% of the total practice population.

Some patients will have been invited by the Kassam Vaccination Centre in Oxford to receive their first vaccination there, but patients are welcome to wait for their invitation by the practice if they prefer. However, if you have already had your first vaccination at the Kassam Centre, you will need to return there for your second dose when invited.

The practice apologises if patients have been contacted more than once, but it is not always clear who has been vaccinated at the Kassam Centre due to the slight lag of data merging into our records system.

The government is keen that all the vaccination centres will have vaccinated cohorts 1-9 by the Spring (around May), which completes Phase 1 of the programme. This is everyone over 50 and anyone with an underlying medical problem that increases risk.

For most patients, their second dose will start to be given around mid-March.

*Explanation of cohort numbering system (priority groups)

- cohort 1 Care Home residents & Residential Care workers,
- cohort 2 Over 80 year olds, Healthcare workers & Socialcare workers,
- cohort 3 75-79 year olds
- cohort 4 70-74 year olds & Clinically extremely vulnerable people (under 70s)
- cohort 5 65-69 year olds cohort 6 - At risk (under 65s)
- cohort 7 60-64 year olds
- cohort 8 55-59 year olds
- cohort 9 50-54 year olds

For further details on the source of this information, scroll down to the 'Prioritisation' section (Table 2) of the government's website on the Covid-19 vaccines delivery plan.

Phase 2 is achieving protection of the whole UK population from COVID-19. As the first phase of the programme is rolled out across the UK, the government will consider all relevant data and set out plans for Phase 2 of vaccination once all at-risk groups 1 to 9 have been offered their first dose of vaccine.

For information about overall vaccination rates in South Oxfordshire, click <u>HERE</u>.

SODC Garden Waste Brown Bin Collection



Service resumes 22 February

We have good news for you - SODC is able to restart its garden waste collections from the next week they're scheduled, which is the week beginning 22 February. Please share this news with your neighbours and your friends and family in the district.

If you still have your real Christmas tree, it can be taken on your garden waste collection day if you are a garden waste customer. If possible please cut it up and put it inside your bin. If the side of your brown bin.



you do not have space or cannot manage to do this it can be put out at

Go Wild in South Stoke!

A group of enthusiastic South Stoke naturalists have formed the South Stoke Wildlife & Conservation Group.



We are Paul Jenkins, Ian Haslam, John Lindley and Ali Brazenor, with some expert helpers from around the village. We'd like to welcome people of all ages to get involved in recording the wildlife and native plants in the parish of South Stoke. If you're interested in 'spotting' in your gardens, or on walks and runs in our wonderful network of public footpaths - or when messing about on the river - we want to hear from you!

We'll be launching a website at the end of February (http://southstokewildlife.org - but it's not active yet) with all the latest news on the wildlife and plants in the area, and listing regional and national wildlife and conservation projects that we plan to participate in. You'll be able to sign up to the group and record what you've seen on the website, as well as on national databases for especially rare species. We'll also be organising wildlife surveys for particular local species of interest. It's an opportunity for everybody in the parish to be part of it - with lots of fun and learning along the way!

And the point of all of this: our aim is to find out what wildlife we've got in the area, record it, map it, and then work out how to help protect and conserve it. We also hope to manage some areas to maintain and enhance biodiversity and create new habitats for wildlife where possible.

Wildlife as diverse as otters, water voles, turtle doves, Soprano Pipistrelle bats, the wonderfully named Cetti's Warbler and Azure Hawker dragonflies have all been spotted and recorded locally. We're proud of our wonderful parish and its natural environment and want it to be placed firmly on the wildlife and conservation map!

We're looking for volunteers to help with the website and admin/finance. If you're interested in hearing more about our plans for glow-worm expeditions, hedgehog and dragonfly surveys, or think you could help out in any way, please contact us at contact@southstokewildlife.org. Even better; join us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/wildsouthstoke



Streatley Book Exchange

The Streatley Telephone Box is working well as a book exchange and is well used with a high turnover of books passing through. The range of books includes children's, health & well being and a good selection of up-to-date novels.

Anyone is welcome to leave books but please can we

kindly ask that if there is no room when you come to put some books in please do not leave your books on the floor. Please take them away and bring them back another day or recycle in a different way. The book exchange is for everyone to benefit from and take ownership of, so please use it, leave it as you would like to find it and enjoy the book you have chosen to read.

Whilst we are experiencing the pandemic it is up to everyone to take individual responsibility and sanitise appropriately if they choose to use the Book Exchange.

Coming up soon – a choice of virtual talks

The Genie Calendar has been quietly ticking over in the last year, all ready to burst into action as soon as we have got control of you-know-what.

Until then, virtual talks are being listed. For some of these you need to be a club member (although you could always ask to visit). Others welcome visitors for a small fee.

Talks open to visitors in the next couple of weeks:

- Café Scientifique:
- Didcot: Safe to Breathe? A Short History of Gas Detection on 16 February. Henley: Ocean Circulation in a Changing Climate on 17 February.
- Berkshire Family History Society:
- Reading c.1740 c.1800: commerce, culture and chapel on 18 February
- British Modern Military History Society:
- Operation Fortitude D Day Deception on 2 March
- Benson Gardening Club:
 - Digging for Victory on 4 March.

Web site links for the above are available on the Genie Calendar. To join the talks you need to make contact beforehand, check the details and book.



Shameful Behaviour in our Villages

1. Vandalism in **Streatley Recreation** Ground

Contravening lockdown regulations, a group of irresponsible people held a party on Streatley Recreation Ground on the evening of Friday 12



February. They left behind a large number of glass bottles and beer cans, which were strewn around. Several bottles were deliberately smashed, leaving broken glass around the play equipment. This has been cleared up and many thanks are due to those kind people who removed the hazardous glass, much of it small shards, which was a danger to children and dogs.

Such gatherings are not permitted during lockdown. This is disgraceful, selfish and thoughtless behaviour.

2. Inconsiderate and Dangerous Behaviour in Goring



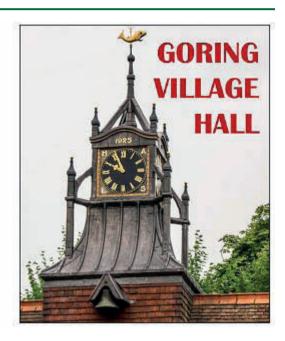
A local resident was shocked on Friday 12 February to see a car pull up and park as shown. Cars were forced to try to go round the illegally stopped vehicle. It beggars belief that this part of the road has just been altered to improve safety in the High Street and drivers still think it does not apply to them.

Goring Village Hall AGM 17 March

Sally Wicks (a Trustee) writes:

It really does seem a lifetime ago since our last AGM was held in February 2020 when we had the opportunity to reflect on the numerous and significant improvements made to the hall over the last ten years. It was a convivial occasion as many of our regular users attended and enjoyed refreshments. We thanked Bernard Novell as he stepped down as Chairman and we welcomed Mike Baker to take his place.

There is always work to do to maintain the hall in good condition but this year has presented us with unprecedented challenges. During the first lockdown we were busy making preparations to ensure that the hall was Covid secure so we could reopen as soon as it was safe to do so. The hall has been closed again from Boxing Day 2020 but we look forwards to welcoming you back when we are able to do so.



This year's AGM will be held by Zoom. This is your opportunity to find out what goes on behind the scenes hear about the trustees' plans for the future and, of course, ask questions. If you wish to attend the AGM please email goringvillagehall@gmail.com and you will be sent an invitation to join the Trustees at 7.30pm on 17 March.



Goring Gap Boat Club

News Update

At the time of writing, sadly our boathouse is still shut and we have been unable to row, or have any club activities, for some months now. Our only consolation being that the high water level means the river would be un-rowable anyway.

GGBC members have not been idle of late, however. A skilled and dedicated band of volunteers have been hard at work and the mezzanine floor in the boathouse is now finished. The slipway was completed in October, to be used for launching boats into the Thames.

Once the first national lockdown was eased we were able to take to the water in single sculls, and for a short period of time we managed to row in 4's and 8's, in a carefully managed way.

If restrictions allow, we are hoping to run a Learn To Row course in April. For details, please contact the Captain of Rowing at captainofrowing@goringgapbc.co.uk.

Dealing with Debt

1. Assistance with Food and Bills



Q1 Foundation writes:

We know this is a



Stoke areas, to provide fresh food or help with energy bills for a limited time. This is totally in confidence – please speak to your faith leader, school, GP, call our helpline



on 01491 525639 or email Claire.rhodes@q1foundation.org.uk if you'd like to be referred.

All applications must be received by mid-March, so please don't miss out, and contact us today.

2. Don't despair! Citizens Advice can help you with debt

tough time for many, and Q1 Foundation is pleased to have received a grant enabling us to provide some financial support to residents in the Goring and South

Citizens Advice writes:

When bills start piling up and multiplying, vague fears can turn into a paralysing panic for people experiencing money troubles. Turn to Citizens Advice, which has eighty years of experience in pulling people back from precipices. Your burden might seem overwhelming and impossible to resolve but in reality there is a lot you can do to turn things around.

For more information, please click <u>HERE</u>.



Pair of spectacles found

A reader has found some glasses and writes:

I found these glasses on the corner of Thames Road on the morning of Sunday 31 January. Presumably lost then or before as they were covered in condensation. I can be reached on 07803 842596.



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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,

Goring-on-Thames PC

Tuesday 23 February 7.30 pm (Planning Committee Meeting) Thursday 18 February 6.30 pm (Full Council Meeting)

agendas, minutes and how to log on etc.

- · 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 next meeting is on 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 website 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 eight applications for Goring, four for Streatley, and three for South Stoke.

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SOUTH STOKE

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Location: Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** 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

West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (materials) of approved 20/01940/LB2 - The addition of a kitchen vent through the roof of the rear extension 21/00292/COND1 25 February 2021

5 Pound Cottages Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JH Addition of 4 Conservation Rooflights 21/00303/CERTP 26 February 2021

Place Manor Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JS Multi-Stemmed Willow - Fell and replace with an alternative that does not have invasive roots. 21/00216/TPC 8 March 2021

6 Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JU Formation of habitable room in roofspace with side velux rooflights P21/S0322/HH 26 February 2021

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Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** Fifield House Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0J Variation of condition 5 (removal of the words "...but to the east and south of the garage on the boundary to The Old Forge House ... " on application ref. P19/S1072/FUL Alteration to condition 5 of design of P16/S3861/FUL Alterations to design of rear elevation of house and provision of building in garden following approval of replacement dwelling under permission P16/S3861/FUL. P21/S0290/FUL 3 March 2021

Land at Woodcote Road South Stoke RG8 0JJ Variation of conditions - 2 (Approved plans) & 3 (Schedule of Materials) on application P19/S2865/RM - To seek a minor material amendment for the partial replacement of block paving with gravel and for the replacement of glass balcony balustrade with metal balcony balustrade (Plot 5). Substitute of approved external materials (ref P20/S2897/DIS). 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. P21/S0388/FUL 5 March 2021

92 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR First floor side extension, garage conversion, storm porch and timber home office P20/S4897/HH **16 February 2021** The Orchard Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP Discharge of condition 3 (Sustainable Design) & 4 (Tree Protection) in application P20/S2910/FUL, single-storey dwelling and conversion of existing for ancillary accommodation (not subject to public consultation) P21/S0140/DIS Target decision date 19 February Korobe Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX Demolition of the existing dwellinghouse and construction of a new

dwellinghouse P21/S0251/FUL 22 February 2021

30 Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 0EP Construction of flat roofed detached timber framed 7mx 4m garden room within garden boundaries, for use ancillary to residential house. Maximum height 2.5m. P21/S0240/HH 22 February 2021

13 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY Single storey rear infill kitchen extension P21/S0236/HH 24 February 2021

The Little Cottage 7 Red Cross Road Goring RG8 9HG Alteration and extension to the existing lean-to side extension to increase kitchen headroom and provide for a WC, lobby, and garden entrance. P21/S0291/HH 3 March 2021

The Little Cottage 7 Red Cross Road Goring RG8 9HG Alteration and extension to the existing lean-to side extension to increase kitchen headroom and provide for a WC, lobby, and garden entrance P21/S0294/LB 3 March 2021

The Orchard Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on application P20/S2910/FUL-To incorporate a basement underneath the new dwelling. Erection of single-storey dwelling and conversion of existing dwelling to provide ancillary residential accommodation. P21/S0396/FUL 10 March 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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