

## 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 April

In this issue: Covid Tests now available; Local shops, pubs, businesses etc open; Vaccination update; West Berks footpath survey; Going Forward bus timetable; Streatley Parish Assembly; Local Elections 6 May; Goring Library re-opens – and our latest update of parish council meetings and new planning applications.

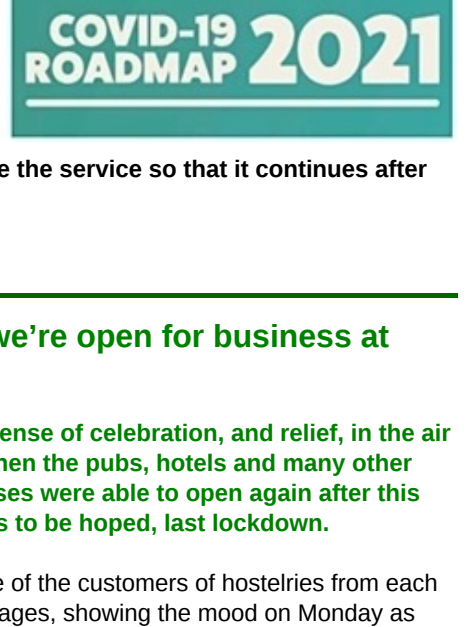
### Covid Home Testing Kits available

As part of the Government's plan to target asymptomatic people to prevent the spread of COVID-19, home testing kits are now available to people who live in households with children, are part of childcare bubbles, or interact with children on a regular basis (school staff, scout leaders, school bus drivers).

West Berkshire Council is launching a Community Collect mobile offer, visiting areas across the District at the same time each week in order that residents can collect a box of 7 testing kits to be done at home. This launched on Monday 12 April.

This unit is at **Streatley**, outside Streatley School, on Thursdays from 14.00-14.45 starting on Thursday 15 April. Please use the service so that it continues after the initial trial.

For more information please see this [LINK](#).

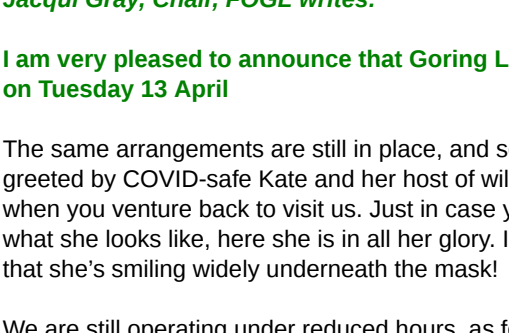


Perch & Pike (Friday 16th) and look forward to welcoming their customers back too.

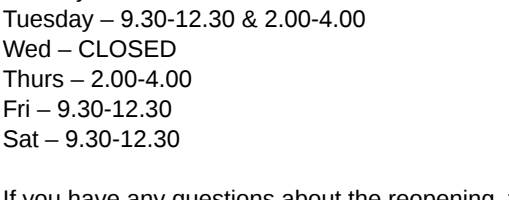
### Cheers – we're open for business at last!

There was a sense of celebration, and relief, in the air on Monday when the pubs, hotels and many other local businesses were able to open again after this latest, and it is to be hoped, last lockdown.

A small sample of the customers of hosteries from each of the three villages, showing the mood on Monday as they have their first beverage outside – Julie Stockwell at [The Miller of Mansfield](#), Goring enjoying a glass of rosé, with a happy Mary looking on, five lads having their first beer at [The Bull](#), Streatley – and in South Stoke, Jamie & Linda have just opened their garden at midday at the



Most other local businesses are happy to announce their reopening this week, albeit at different times and with modified opening hours, at least to start with. Readers can check who's open when as Genie has produced two lists with the websites and phone numbers of all the businesses and facilities in the three villages. Click on these links for all local [Food & Hospitality](#) establishments and other [Shops & Businesses](#).



For more information please see this [LINK](#).

### Goring Library has re-opened

Jacqui Gray, Chair, FOGL writes:

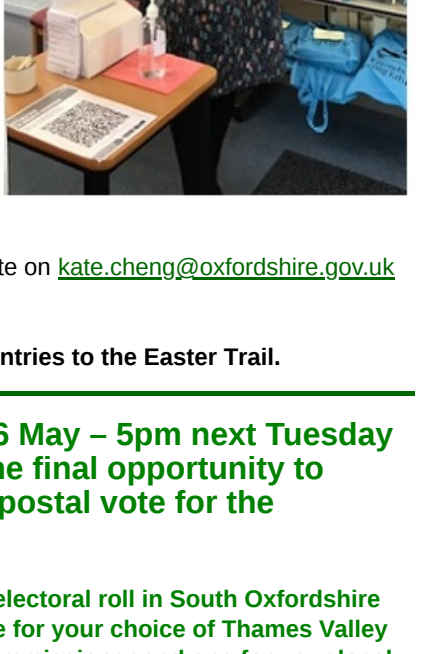
I am very pleased to announce that Goring Library re-opened on Tuesday 13 April

The same arrangements are still in place, and so prepare to be greeted by COVID-safe Kate and her host of willing volunteers when you venture back to visit us. Just in case you've forgotten what she looks like, here she is in all her glory. I can promise you that she's smiling widely underneath the mask!

We are still operating under reduced hours, as follows:

- Monday – CLOSED
- Tuesday – 9.30-12.30 & 2.00-4.00
- Wed – CLOSED
- Thurs – 2.00-4.00
- Fri – 9.30-12.30
- Sat – 9.30-12.30

If you have any questions about the reopening, then please do contact Kate on [kate.cheng@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:kate.cheng@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or call her on 01491 873028.



PS – Don't forget, tomorrow (the 17th) is the last day for submitting entries to the Easter Trail.



Elections 6 May Registration for postal votes DEADLINE 5pm Tuesday 20 April

### Elections on 6 May – 5pm next Tuesday (20 April) is the final opportunity to register for a postal vote for the elections.

Residents on the electoral roll in South Oxfordshire have 2 votes – one for your choice of Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner and one for your local Oxfordshire County Councillor candidate. Residents in West Berkshire have just one vote – for the TV Police & Crime Commissioner.

For information on how to register for a postal vote, or after an existing postal vote, click on the appropriate link to your local authority: [South Oxfordshire District Council \(SODC\)](#) or [West Berkshire Council \(WBC\)](#).

To see the statement from Oxfordshire County Council of the 3 nominated candidates for the election of a County Councillor for Goring click [HERE](#).

To see the statement of the 4 nominated candidates for the election of Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner click [HERE](#).

For information about the role of a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), click [HERE](#) and also [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

### Streatley Parish Assembly:

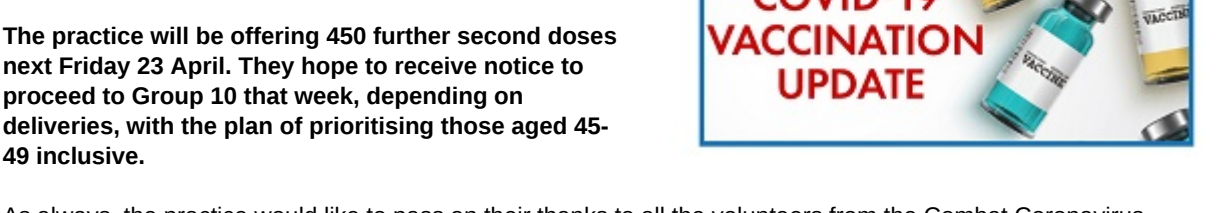
Thursday 22 April 2021 Using Zoom – 19:30

All residents are invited to the Annual Parish Assembly, which, due to COVID restrictions will be held using Zoom. The format will be more traditional with reports of activities throughout the year and the opportunity to ask questions.

The presentations and a video of the event will be available at: [www.streatley.org](http://www.streatley.org) following the event.

To join the event via Zoom please contact [clerk@streatley.org](mailto:clerk@streatley.org) for details.

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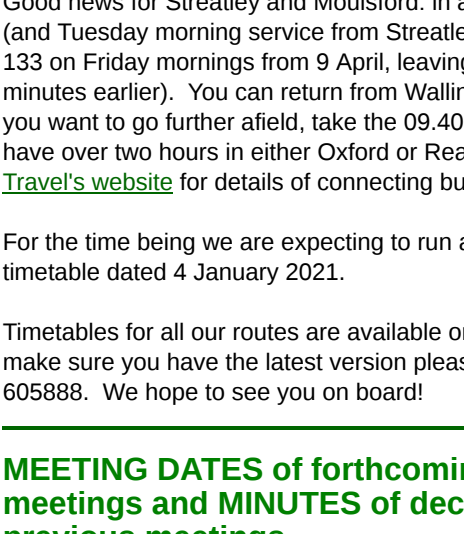


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### Online Survey concerning Public Footpaths

West Berkshire Council would be requesting you to use this [LINK](#) to the 'West Berkshire Online Map' and then partake in the survey to make your views known concerning which paths are:

- not available to use;
- become impassable;
- overgrown at present

and also make representations as to where additional paths would prove useful.

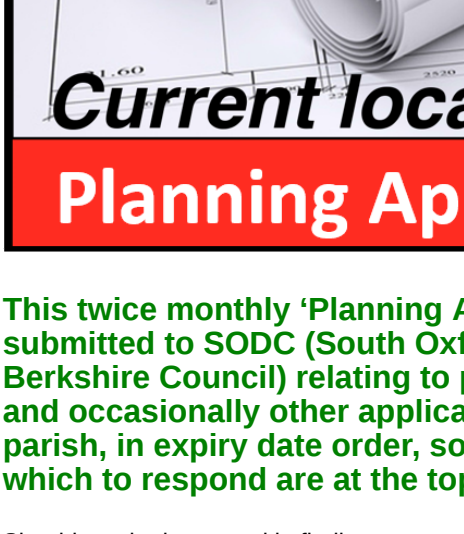
You do not need to be resident in West Berkshire to take part in the survey, which must be completed by 30 May.

### Vaccination Update

To date, the Goring & Woodcote Medical Practice has delivered 6,002 vaccines, with over a quarter of these being 'second' doses. All patients in groups 1-9 have now been offered a vaccine with an uptake of 94%.

The practice will be offering 450 further second doses next Friday 23 April. They hope to receive notice to proceed to Group 10 that week, depending on deliveries, with the plan of prioritising those aged 45-49 inclusive.

As always, the practice would like to pass on their thanks to all the volunteers from the Combat Coronavirus team and their dedicated staff for all their work to make this vaccination programme so successful – and indeed to the patients for their cooperation in achieving such a high percentage of uptake.



### Going Forward Buses

#### Timetable Changes

They write:

As a result of a change in the way Oxfordshire County Council is funding concessionary pass journeys from 1 April 2021, we need to increase the mileage we are operating, so we will be running additional journeys on our 134 Goring to Wallingford via Cleve and The Stokes route in the afternoon from 6 April until further notice. The last journeys of the day on the 134 route will now be at 16.45 from Goring to Wallingford and 17.10 from Wallingford to Goring.

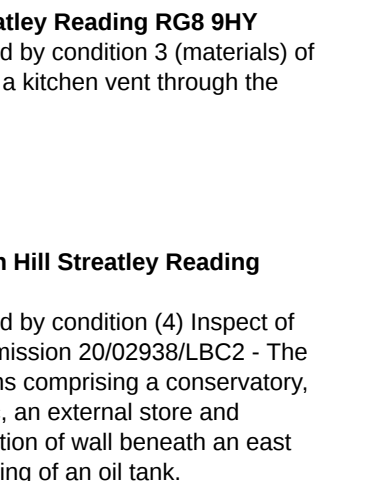
Good news for Streatley and Moulford: in addition to our current Wednesday morning service to Wallingford (and Tuesday morning service from Streatley to Reading) we will also be running two return journeys on route 133 on Friday mornings from 9 April, leaving Moulford Beetle & Wedge turn at 09.40 and 12.02 (Streatley a few minutes earlier). You can return from Wallingford at 11.30 or 14.05. The bus will also call at LiDL on request. If you want to go further afield, take the 09.40 and change to Thames Travel at Wallingford Market Place – you can have over two hours in either Oxford or Reading using their RiverRapids X38/X39/X40 services (see [Thames Travel's website](#) for details of connecting buses). Return on the 14.05 from Wallingford.

For the time being we are expecting to run a full service on all our other routes, as per the revised (Rural Routes) timetable dated 4 January 2021.

Timetables for all our routes are available on the [website](#), and also on the bus or at Goring Railway Station. To make sure you have the latest version please do check our website [goingforwardbuses.com](http://goingforwardbuses.com) or call us on 07484 605888. We hope to see you on board!

### 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 27 April at 7.30 pm (Planning Committee Meeting)  
Monday 10 May at 7.30 pm (Full Council Meeting)

- Council meetings are usually on the second Monday of every second month at the Belléme 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](mailto:clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk)

#### Streatley PC

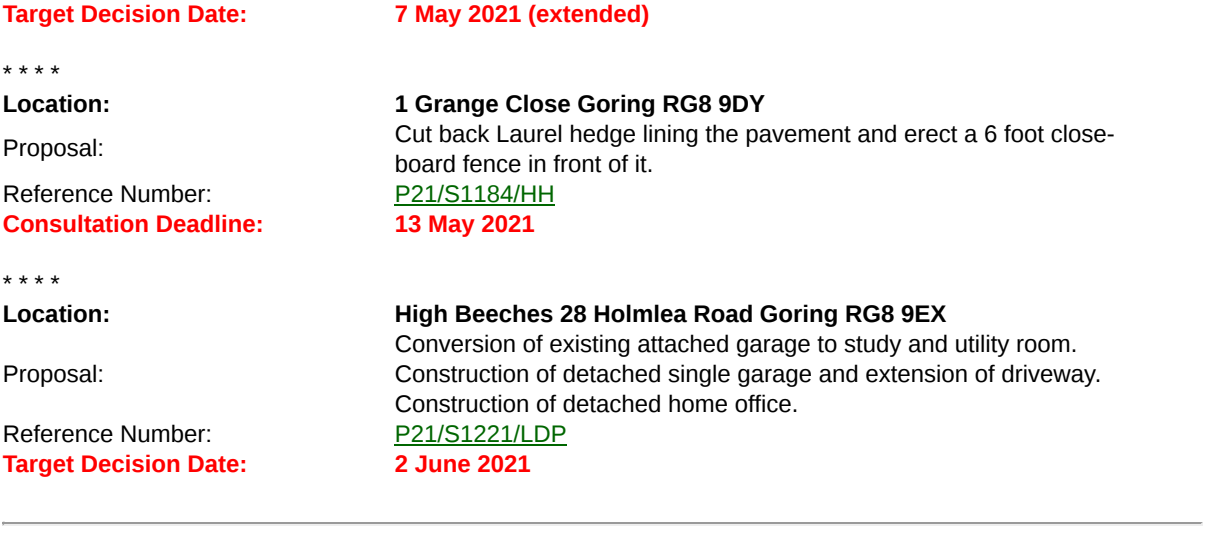
Dates of individual meetings are not normally published on the council's website but usually held on the second Monday of every month (except August), starting at 7.30pm, and are held in the Morrell Room.

Contact details for the clerk: Tel: 07766 541577 Email: [clerk@streatley.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 seven applications for Goring, five for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

### STREATLEY

**Location:** Oriel House Townsend Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH  
**Proposal:** Two storey front extension, new entrance porch and minor internal alterations  
**Reference Number:** [21/00363/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 16 April 2021

**Location:** Rosewood House The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QT  
**Proposal:** Erection of octagonal summerhouse to replace an existing permitted development greenhouse  
**Reference Number:** [21/00410/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 26 April 2021

**Location:** Redwood Townsend Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH  
**Proposal:** Construction of a single storey garden office and gym  
**Reference Number:** [21/00521/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 29 April 2021

**Location:** West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY  
**Proposal:** 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  
**Reference Number:** [21/00292/COND1](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 5 May 2021

**Location:** Wood Farm Road Known As Lewendon Hill Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9SU  
**Proposal:** Application for approval of details reserved by condition (4) inspect of work prior to further work of planning permission 20/02938/LBC2 - The demolition of single storey 1950's additions comprising a conservatory, entrance lobby, utility room, storage, a wc, an external store and redundant chimney. The removal of a section of wall beneath an east facing window. The relocation and screening of an oil tank. The construction of a single storey extension comprising a new family entrance, boot room, utility room, two wc's and plant room, family room/breakfast area and small rectangular addition to the existing kitchen.  
**Reference Number:** [21/00706/COND1](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 11 June 2021

### SOUTH STOKE

None

### GORING

**Location:** 30 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA  
**Proposal:** Demolition of existing conservatory, replace with single storey rear extension, new roof finish and rooflights above kitchen.  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S1064/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 17 April 2021

**Location:** Glendale Elmhurst Road Goring RG8 9BN  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 3(Materials), 4(Surface drainage) & 5(foul drainage) on application P20/S2961/FUL 3-bed detached dwelling. Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S1137/DIS](#)  
**Target Decision Date:** 19 April 2021

**Location:** 13 Lycroft Close Goring RG8 0AT  
**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension, internal reconfiguration, changes to fenestration  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S1202/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 23 April 2021

**Location:** Flat 2b Carlton Lyndhurst Rd Goring RG8 9BL  
**Proposal:** New first floor rear elevation window to en suite bathroom  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S1172/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 6 May 2021

**Location:** Land to the west of Wallingford Rd Adjacent to Sewage Works between Goring and South Stoke RG8 0JA  
**Proposal:** Development/operation of a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project, associated infrastructure including access (Amended Plans to extend red line, include additional landscaping, landscape details, temporary construction compound).  
**Reference Number:** [P20/S4706/FUL](#)  
**Target Decision Date:** 7 May 2021 (extended)

**Location:** 1 Grange Close Goring RG8 9DY  
**Proposal:** Cut back Laurel hedge lining the pavement and erect a 6 foot close-board fence in front of it.  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S1184/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 13 May 2021

**Location:** High Beeches 28 Holmea Road Goring RG8 9EX  
**Proposal:** Conversion of existing attached garage to study and utility room. Construction of detached single garage and extension of driveway. Construction of detached home office.  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S1221/LDP](#)  
**Target Decision Date:** 2 June 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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