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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 June

In this issue: 2021 Goring & Streatley Regatta cancelled; Withymead guided tours; Genie Website update; Becket drama; M4 J12 diversions; Regatta details; GAP Festival 2022 dates; Mend the Gap; Wallingford Museum activities – and our latest update of parish council meetings and new planning applications.



Goring and Streatley Regatta 17 July 2021

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- Shoreside activities and entertainment unfortunately cancelled
- The rowing competition will still run but, for reasons everyone will understand, without spectators this year

Following the government decision to push back step 4 of the roadmap out of lockdown, the regatta committee has reluctantly come to the conclusion that they cannot run the full regatta in July this year and adhere to step 3 government guidelines to keep large numbers of visitors safe.

The committee writes: We are instead going to run a rowing only event with no spectators. We are confirming the details of this now and will be in touch with all the rowers. We are sure that, in spite of this change to plans, our regatta crews will still have a great day.

Anyone who has rented gazebo space will be given a refund and we will be sending an email advising them who to contact. Rowers will be contacted with details of the alternative rowing only event and asked if they wish to continue and, if not, will receive a full refund.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our suppliers, the landowner Mrs Bishop, Goring Unplugged for the work they have done organising the musicians and bands, Vanessa from The Catherine Wheel, our sponsor Warmingham, our partner charity Sport in Mind and all the Boat Club members who have worked so hard to try and make it happen this year.

We look forward to better times and a return to the full regatta in later years. And, in the meanwhile, for anyone who would like to try rowing or get back on the water after a long break, we would be delighted to welcome you to our club at any time.

https://goringgapbc.org.uk/

Genie's new website now has more local information for residents of the Goring Gap

To celebrate Genie's 4th year of providing Electronic News, the volunteers felt it should live up to the other half of its name and also be an 'Information Exchange'.

For readers who may just use the website for the online calendar (and about 1,500 people do each month to find out what's going on in and around the Goring Gap), take a look at our upgraded Genie website and click on the 'Local Information' tab.



You'll see a drop-down list of 8 new pages of up-to-date information. These include about 30 different contact details of all the Emergency Services, all the local Food & Hospitality and Shops & Businesses, all the 80 or so local organisations operating here, specific information for river users and a (rather long) brief summary of the history of Goring and Streatley through the centuries from 10,000 BC to the present.

Please have a look at all these pages, and let us know if there are any mistakes or omissions of any kind, as we aim to maintain this section of the website as a reliable and comprehensive reference section and resource. This will be useful for new residents wishing to find out what is available in their new home area and also for established residents as an easy one-stop shop for local information.

We have also updated the 'About Us' section with 4 new pages, one of which is 'Support Genie', as we really would like some more help with running these services if you could spare a little time. Any corrections, additions, suggestions for new pages of information or offers of help will be most welcome, so please send them in via news@genienews.org.

Thank you from your Genie Team.



Diversions – M4 Junction 12

Bath Road/M4 (junction 12) roundabout is to be closed, weekdays only, overnight, 9pm to 6am. Starting 28 June for 12-15 weeks.

The restrictions will only be implemented as and when required, dates and times of the individual closures with their diversion routes will be advertised locally and on site when the works are finalised.

North-easterly (toward Reading) over the Bath Road/M4 junction 12 roundabout South-westerly (toward Newbury) over the Bath Road/M4 junction 12 roundabout

The alternative route for all vehicles affected is via (into Reading) A4, A4155, Northbound on Reading inner distribution Road, A329 (toward Pangbourne), A340 (toward Theale), and vice versa.

Please Note: Blue light access is to be maintained.

All enquiries should be directed to: Kier Services on 07500 515 934.

A plan of the closure can be found at: (click on link) <u>https://one.network/?tm=GB122486732</u>.

Becket – Rebel or Martyr?

St Thomas' Church 3 & 4 July

Last year's commemorations of the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of Thomas Becket were disrupted by the

pandemic restrictions. This year a group of readers and choristers has been brought together by St Thomas' Church to perform a rescheduled version of Becket - Rebel or Martyr? in the Church on Saturday 3 July at 7.30pm and Sunday 4 July at 3pm.

The programme traces Thomas' controversial life and death through the words of witnesses, playwrights and historians, linked by a selection of music for choir and organ.



The event organisers will be fully complying with current government Covid restrictions. This means that a reduced number of tickets will be available.

Tickets £10 from Inspirations, Goring Arcade or from Elizabeth Parkinson, email: parkinsonfamily1@btinternet.com - all proceeds to St Thomas' Organ Rebuild Project.



A Guided Tour of Withymead Nature Reserve

26 June, 17 July, 21 August, 25 September, 9:30am-12noon

Immerse yourself in its History, Landscape and Wildlife

Put yourself in the hands of Withymead's two expert and knowledgeable guides for an in-depth discovery of this unique and treasured space known for its diversity,

MEND the GAP

beauty and tranquillity next to the River Thames. Visitors throughout the year have grown to love it so much for the abundance of wildlife it attracts and supports.

With a group size kept deliberately small to make it a friendly and immersive experience, their guides take you on a specially designed route around the reserve and share why Withymead Nature Reserve continues to hold a special place in the hearts of many. Suitable for those aged 15 years and over.

For more info and to book please visit the Website <u>www.withymead.org</u> and click on the homepage for the guided tours.

Update – MEND the GAP programme

First of the conservation & enhancement projects to be announced soon. (See last update in Genie's September 2020 issue)

Joanna Watson, Mend the Gap Programme Manager, writes:

Over the next few years the MEND the GAP programme will be developing and delivering various projects and schemes to enhance the wildlife, landscapes, heritage, and access to and understanding of the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) either side of the river in the Goring Gap. The programme covers the Goring and Streatley area as well as extending north to Didcot and south to Purley. It is a tripartite initiative led and managed by the Chilterns and the North Wessex Downs AONBs and the Railway Action Group (RAG).

The programme will be developing its own projects as well as working with other organisations, local landowners and communities to create and implement projects to compensate for the visual harm that was done to the protected landscapes in this area by the electrification of the railway and to enhance the natural environment. To fund these projects, £3.75million has been secured from Network Rail.

Soon, the Mend the Gap programme will able to announce the first such projects, it is hoped later this month, including two initiatives within the Goring and Streatley area. Here is a link to more information about the types of projects being considered. To find out more, keep an eye on the website www.MendtheGap.uk and these Genie newsletters.



Save the Dates: The GAP Festival returns next Summer

After cancelling its programme last year due to the pandemic, the biennial cultural and arts GAP Festival will return to Goring and Streatley from 2 to 12 June 2022.

This will be the fourth GAP Festival since it was first created by the organising charity, set up to promote and encourage the arts and culture in our villages as a legacy of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee back in 2012. With next year's event taking place over the Queen's Platinum

Jubilee four-day Bank Holiday weekend, the festival team is planning to recapture its celebratory roots, bringing people together through arts and entertainment.



With previous events featuring TV presenter and gardener Joe Swift, award-winning comedian Harriet Braine, platinum album soul singer Mica Paris, and local band The Lightyears, its varied programme has always made sure there is something for everyone.

Be the first to hear more about the festival programme and tickets when they are announced by subscribing to the mailing list at www.thegapfestival.org/subscribe.

Wallingford Museum News

Two events for your diary:

On Saturday 24 July, join in with Wallingford Museum's Family Archaeology Day and be part of the UK's biggest celebration of archaeology. Come and meet our experts, bring along your special fossils and finds from gardens, allotments, fields and beaches. Plenty to do for all. Drop-in, between 1100 and 1600.



On Wednesday 14 July, a talk by Steve Capel-Davies: 'The

River Thames - How it shaped our Region'. The talk will look at how the Thames has influenced settlement in the region from earliest times to present. This will include considering the role of the river as a boundary/line of defence; crossing the boundary; the working river including navigation trade and mills, followed by its use for leisure. Steve Capel-Davies (our TWHAS Chairman) is a river engineer, with strong links to Wallingford Museum.

The museum will be open for the season – please check the web site for opening times. The amazing new exhibit, the new Wallingford castle model, will be on display.

All planning is subject to government guidelines for Covid-19 prevention, please check the web site for confirmation www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk. Museum admission will be free, until fully open, donations welcome. For General Museum enquiries please contact the curator on 01491 651127.



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 22 June 7.30 pm, date to be confirned (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.

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: <u>clerk@southstoke.org.uk</u>



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 nine applications for Goring, seven for Streatley, and three for South Stoke.

West Berkshire RG8 9SU

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* * * * Location: Land at Woodcote Road South Stoke RG8 0JJ Variation of condition 2 of application P19/S2865/RM-for the removal of the detached carport to Plots 2 & 3, removal of the carport to Plot 1, omission of the bike store to Plot 3, a new window to Plot 3 (east elevation) and relocation of 2no parking spaces to Plot 2. Application Proposal: 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/S2385/FUL Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** 28 June 2021 GORING Land to the west of Wallingford Rd Adjacent to Sewage Works Location: between Goring and South Stoke RG8 0JA Development/operation of a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project, associated infrastructure including access (Amended Plans to extend Proposal: red line, include additional landscaping, landscape details, temporary construction compound). Reference Number: P20/S4706/FUL 15 June 2021 (additional extension) **Consultation Deadline:** * * * * 5 Kings Mews Goring RG8 0BS Location: Loft conversion including two roof-lights to the rear elevation, to form Proposal: additional habitable space Reference Number: P21/S2179/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 16 June 2021 * * * * Location: 4 Kings Mews Goring RG8 0BS Loft conversion including two roof-lights to the rear elevation, to form Proposal: additional habitable space Reference Number: P21/S2181/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 16 June 2021 * * * * Location: 22 Grange Close Goring on Thames RG8 9DY Discharge of planning obligation in application P87/W0526 to remove Proposal: or modify the occupation age restriction on the property P21/S2185/MPO Reference Number: Target decision date 16 June 2021 **Consultation Deadline:** * * * * 36 Lockstile Way Goring RG8 0AL Location: Proposal: Single storey rear extension Reference Number: P21/S2265/HH 19 June 2021 **Consultation Deadline:** * * * * Location: Upper Gatehampton House Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 9LT Erection of a three bay garage with use of the roof space as an office Proposal: Reference Number: P21/S2462/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 30 June 2021 * * * * Location: 17 Holmlea Road Goring RG8 9EX Single storey front and rear extensions, dormer extension to rear first Proposal: floor. P21/S2507/HH Reference Number: 2 July 2021 **Consultation Deadline:** * * * * 2 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DU Location: Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials) & 8 (Contaminated Land) in application P19/S1832/FUL - demolition of boiler showroom and Proposal: erection of two semi-detached dwellings. Not subject to consultation Reference Number: P21/S2290/DIS **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 9 July 2021 * * * * Korobe Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX Location: Discharge of condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage) on application P21/S0251/FUL - demolition of existing & construction of new dwelling. Proposal: Not subject to consultation Reference Number: P21/S2488/DIS **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 20 July 2021

Treatment Works 21/01267/FUL 17 June 2021 Sun Townsend Road Streatley Reading 9LH Erection of one dwelling and garage and formation of new access. Section 73A application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 17/01476/FULD. 21/01179/FULD 17 June 2021 Elm Lodge Wallingford Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JR Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Schedule of Works) of planning permission 20/02721/LBC2 - Internal alterations to existing listed building. 21/01319/COND1 18 June 2021 1 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire

Pump House Road Known As Lewendon Hill Streatley Reading

Development of toilet facilities building at Woods Farm Water

RG8 9JE Tulip : Fell due to the size of the tree and its close location to neighbouring property 21/01240/TPC

Target Decision Date: 21 June 2021

High Wall Cottage High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire **RG8 9JB**

Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey rear extension with glazed lantern rooflight 21/01312/HOUSE

22 June 2021

The Brambles Wantage Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire **RG8 9LD** Rear extension and rear roof modification 21/01398/HOUSE

2 July 2021

Paget House Wantage Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire **RG8 9LA** Erection of a detached oak framed garage. 21/01293/HOUSE 17 July 2021

8 Glebe Cottages Wallingford Road South Stoke RG8 0JA Construction of a new, pitched roof, dormer window at first floor level on the main front roof slope to provide improved headroom to the bathroom P21/S2264/HH 19 June 2021

Beetle And Wedge House Ferry Lane Moulsford OX10 9JF Erection of new dwelling & demolition of existing extension comprising a study P21/S2314/O 23 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-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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