

## 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 October

**In this issue:** Big run based in Goring; Cholsey Repair Café reopening; Berks Chamber Music Festival; Advice on debt management; Children's film festival; South Stoke Bonfire Night, update on GGEO; Free wood chips available – and our latest update of new planning applications.



### Saturday 16 to Sunday 17 October

#### The Autumn 100-mile run

This will be the 10th time this challenging day/night race has been based in Goring and the race HQ will be Goring Village Hall. There will be a staggered start for the 250 racers from about 9am on Saturday morning to ensure the runners are spread out and cause minimal disruption to residents and traffic.

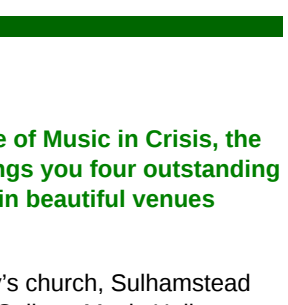
The four separate 25-mile loops on different sections of the Ridgeway and Thames Path National Trails start and finish at the village hall, but it is essentially a continuous, non-stop race.

Runners have 28 hours to make it back to the village hall to officially finish, about half of which will be in darkness. The male course record is 14hrs 2mins and the female one is 15hrs 22mins. About 60-70% of the 250 starters are expected to complete the event.

You can see further details and the course map [HERE](#).

### Free Wood Chips available

A kind resident has asked us to inform local folks that FREE wood chips are available. The pile is situated at the back of Sheepcot football pavilion, ideal for garden usage. Please help yourselves. First come, first served.



## BERKSHIRE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

### Live Music is BACK!

With a programme exploring the theme of Music in Crisis, the Berkshire Chamber Music Festival brings you four outstanding concerts with international musicians in beautiful venues throughout Berkshire

- **Wednesday 3 November** 19:00, St Mary's church, Sulhamstead
- **Thursday 4 November** 19:30, Bradfield College Music Hall
- **Friday 5 November** 19:30, St. Thomas' Church, Goring
- **Saturday 6 November** 19:30, St. Mary's Church, Winkfield

Adult Ticket £20 / Children (Under 16) Free, from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/1berkshire-chamber-music-festival](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/1berkshire-chamber-music-festival)  
For more details click [HERE](#).

Website: [www.berkshirechambermusicfestival.com](http://www.berkshirechambermusicfestival.com) Email: [berkshirechambermusicfestival@gmail.com](mailto:berkshirechambermusicfestival@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07753120341. Registered Charity Number: 1193457.

### Citizens Advice on coping with Universal Credit shortfall

This year, the month of September ushered in more ominous portents than chilly winds and dark nights: the Government reduced Universal Credit payments by £20 a week. This move could put many floundering people in a critical situation. Rising prices and the coming end of the pandemic furlough have joined other negative trends to put millions in serious debt, unable to pay vital bills and about to see life get even worse.

But, if you are in this position, remember that support and help are available and you need not suffer alone.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about how you can manage your situation.

If you need more specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call the Citizens Advice debt helpline on 0800 240 4420. It really helps to make personal contact with somebody who understands. You can also call our Adviceline free on 0808 278 7907 (Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm) or try our webchat at: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/chat-service-money-and-debt/>.



### New Children's Film Festival announced with entries now open to budding young filmmakers

The Goring and Streatley GAP Festival team is excited to announce the opening of entries to a brand new Children's Film Festival competition, which will take place as part of the festival in June next year.

They are inviting youngsters of all school ages (primary, secondary and sixth form) from Berkshire and Oxfordshire to get digitally creative and make their own short films.

With some amazing film course prizes available, thanks to The Arts Society in Goring and Film Oxford, the team hope this exciting new competition will receive entries from media studies students, budding young filmmakers and even those that may have never clicked 'record' before.

The films will be shortlisted by a group of industry professionals and shown on screen at a special red carpet premier event on the last night of the main GAP Festival marquee on Sunday 12 June.



Registration for entries is now open and closes on 10 December 2021. Final film submissions will be due in late April 2022.

For more information on the categories, prizes and to register, visit: [www.thegapfestival.org/film-festival](http://www.thegapfestival.org/film-festival)

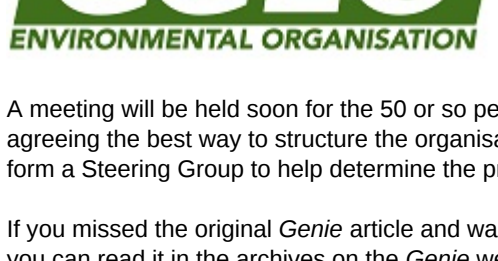
### South Stoke Bonfire Night

Friday 12 November – South Stoke Recreation Ground

Gates open 6pm – Fireworks 7.15pm

All proceeds to South Stoke School Parents Association.

For full details including ticket prices click [HERE](#).



### Update on GGEO (Goring Gap Environmental Organisation)

Following the very positive response from a large number of local residents wanting to help and get involved, the new conservation and wildlife organisation is off to a good start. Plans are now underway for applying to become a registered charity (a CIO) later this year.

A meeting will be held soon for the 50 or so people who have already registered an interest, with the aim of agreeing the best way to structure the organisation with different sections and project groups etc, and also to form a Steering Group to help determine the priority issues to be addressed both in the short and long term.

If you missed the original Genie article and want to find out more about GGEO, and be added to the mailing list, you can read it in the archives on the Genie website ([Issue 91](#)) or contact the email address below.

Essentially, GGEO will concentrate on three broad and inter-related areas: 1) Improving the biodiversity of our local flora and fauna, their habitats and ecosystems, 2) protecting and enhancing the quality of the countryside and landscape and 3) providing a comprehensive 'Knowledge Hub', an information resource about the natural world, climate resilience and sustainability. There will also be a special section dedicated to educational materials for children and young people. All of this information will be freely accessible on a new website planned to be developed shortly.

For more information about the plans for GGEO and the range of people with the skills needed to help this new organisation protect and enhance our beautiful, albeit fragile, environment, please email [ronbridle@btinternet.com](mailto:ronbridle@btinternet.com) or call 07789 871620. You can also click on [THIS LINK](#) to an information pdf, which contains a more detailed update on GGEO, published in the October Goring Gap News, and the 'Skills Register'. Thank you.

### Cholsey Repair Café is back in action

The next session will be at the Cholsey Pavilion between 11am and 13.45pm on Saturday 20 November

Many types of repair can be considered and volunteers aim to teach their fixing skills to customers. Textiles and bicycles, cracked china, electrical faults, computers, blunt gardening tools, broken toys and many other household items can often be repaired for cost of parts and a donation towards operating costs. Basic Covid precautions will be in place. See [www.cholseyrepaircafe.com](http://www.cholseyrepaircafe.com) for our house rules and more information.



### 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, four for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

#### STREATLEY

**Location:** 4 Icknield Cottages High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JA  
**Proposal:** Rear first floor extension, internal alterations, alterations to rear out building, new doors, timber framed roof lantern, outside lighting & construction of new brick & flint garden wall  
**Reference Number:** [21/02440/LBC2](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 28 October 2021

**Location:** 4 Icknield Cottages High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JA  
**Proposal:** Rear first floor extension, internal alterations, alterations to rear out building, new doors, timber framed roof lantern, outside lighting & construction of new brick & flint garden wall  
**Reference Number:** [21/02439/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 28 October 2021

**Location:** 2 Place Manor Cottages Wallingford Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JT  
**Proposal:** T1- Goat Willow: Pollarding to reduce by 35% to previous pollarding points. Tree shaping to be maintained.  
**Reference Number:** [21/02559/TPC](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Internal Target Date: 8 November 2021

**Location:** Paget House Wantage Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9LA  
**Proposal:** Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (Arb Method Statement) of planning permission 21/01293/HOUSE - Detached oak framed garage.  
**Reference Number:** [21/02385/COND1](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Determination deadline: 17 November 2021

#### SOUTH STOKE

None

#### GORING

**Location:** 2 Woden House Limetree Rd Goring RG8 9EY  
**Proposal:** Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S3944/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 18 October 2021

**Location:** 22 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0DA  
**Proposal:** New two storey rear extension, front entrance porch and carport. Change existing tile hanging to timber cladding & render existing painted brickwork  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S3889/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 19 October 2021

**Location:** 9 Lockstile Way Goring RG8 0AJ  
**Proposal:** Additional storey to existing bungalow  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S4104/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 21 October 2021

**Location:** Mulberry Croft Limetree Road Goring RG8 9EY  
**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) in application P20/S4579/HH -single-storey rear extension and detached rear outbuilding -to reduce the size of the rear outbuilding  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S4145/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 1 November 2021

**Location:** 80 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HN  
**Proposal:** Single storey glazed rear extension to dining area  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S4218/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 3 November 2021

**Location:** The Hollies Howgate Drive Goring RG8 9DQ  
**Proposal:** Proposed garage conversion  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S4182/LDP](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date: 2 December 2021

**Location:** High Winds Bridge Way Goring RG8 0HS  
**Proposal:** Single storey garage extension  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S4275/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 10 November 2021

**Location:** Howgate Boathouse Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BT  
**Proposal:** Variation to condition 5 (storage use only) to P17/S1850/HH – new pitched roof to garage & studio in roofspace – to ancillary use.  
**Reference Number:** [P21/S4302/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 10 November 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>

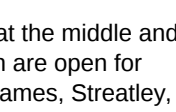
To visit WBC's planning website: <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Information on how to comment on a WBC application: <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations>

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[Goring-on-Thames PC;](#) [South Stoke PC;](#) [Streatley PC](#)



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