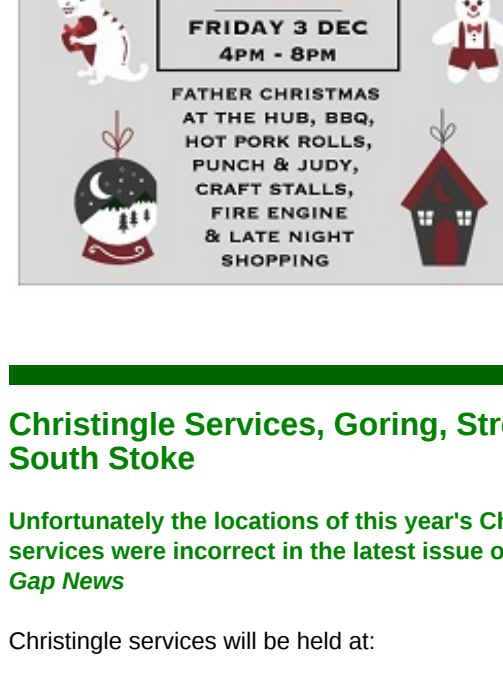


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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 12 December

In this issue: Shopping Night; Christingle; Jubilee Celebrations; December Events; Santa visits Goring; Streatley Pre-School raffle; No Torchlight Procession; Wildlife calendar; SODC News; Twinning Association AGM – and our latest update of new planning applications.



The annual Goring Christmas Late Night Shopping Event is on this Friday evening, 3 December

4pm to 8pm

As always, this is a special and popular event and well worth a visit. In the Arcade, Father Christmas will be welcoming the children in the Hub and Punch & Judy will be making appearances to entertain everyone. Our local firefighters will be on hand to show people the fire engine and how it works and there will be plenty of tasty hot pork rolls and BBQ food and drink available.

The shopkeepers will stay open until 8pm to welcome people and meet them socially and show them what Christmas present ideas they have. There will also be many craft and other stalls in the Arcade and elsewhere with interesting things on display too. So whatever the weather, it will be a good evening out.

Christingle Services, Goring, Streatley and South Stoke

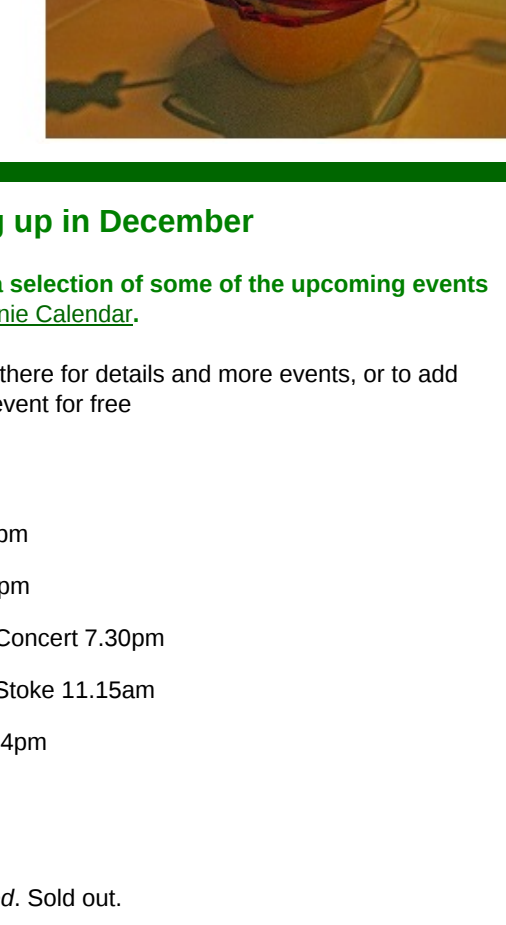
Unfortunately the locations of this year's Christingle services were incorrect in the latest issue of the Goring Gap News

Christingle services will be held at:

- St Andrew's, 5 Stoke on Sunday 5 December at 11.15am
- St Thomas', Goring on Sunday 5 December at 4pm and
- St Mary's, Streatley on Sunday 12 December at 11.15am.

All services are suitable for all ages. The service at Goring needs to be booked through Eventbrite – details can be found on the website www.thomandmary.org.uk.

These engaging events raise money for the important work of the Children's Society. All welcome!



Coming up in December

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the [Genie Calendar](#).

Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free

Wed 1 Dec	Greenfingers 'Christmas Floral Art' 7.45pm
Friday 3 Dec	Goring Christmas shopping evening 4-8pm
	Simon Mayor, Hilary James & friends – Concert 7.30pm
Sun 5 Dec	Christingle service, St Andrew's, South Stoke 11.15am
	Christingle Service, St Thomas', Goring 4pm
Mon 6 Dec	Carers Group at the Hub 10.45am
Fri 10 Dec	Chair yoga at the Hub 12.45pm
	Gap comedy: Lucy Porter – <i>Be Prepared</i> . Sold out.
Sat 11 Dec	Streatley Hill Pre-school Christmas Market 4pm
Sun 12 Dec	Family Nativity Service, Free Church 10.30am
	Christingle service, St Mary's, Streatley 11.15am
Tues 14 Dec	Goring library crafting session 5pm
Wed 15 Dec	Under 5s story time and crafts at Goring library 10am
Thurs 16 Dec	Pick a Flick: <i>From Time to Time</i> 10.30am
Sun 19 Dec	Carols by Candlelight, Free Church 6.30pm
Mon 20 Dec	History Society: <i>The Amazing Mr Dickens</i> 2.30pm
Fri 24 Dec	No torchlight procession this year
Sat 25 Dec	Happy Christmas to all from the Genie team

Santa will be coming to Goring

Friday 10 December and Tuesday 14 December

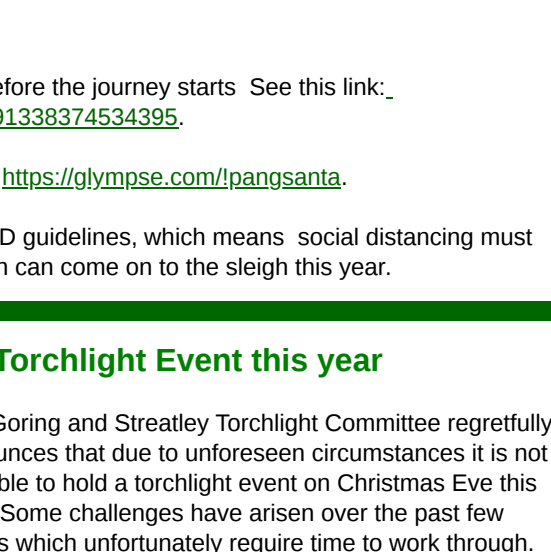
Pangbourne Rotary Club are planning a full schedule of visits from Santa on his sleigh this December (COVID permitting). He will be accompanied by his band of elves collecting for worthy causes. (Contactless payment can now be taken.)

Santa will visit over 20 locations and will be in Goring North on Friday 10 December, 6-8pm and in Goring South on Tuesday 14 December, 6-8pm.

Each day the Rotary Club will provide detailed route maps before the journey starts. See this link: <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofpangbourne/posts/1591338374534395>.

Once Santa is on the road you can track his progress here – <https://gymse.com/pangasanta>.

The event has been risk-assessed and must adhere to COVID guidelines, which means social distancing must be observed. Santa is disappointed as this means no children can come on to the sleigh this year.



No Torchlight Event this year



The Goring and Streatley Torchlight Committee regrettably announces that due to unforeseen circumstances it is not possible to hold a torchlight event on Christmas Eve this year. Some challenges have arisen over the past few weeks which unfortunately require time to work through. The committee will be doing this during 2022 in the hope that the event can return next year.

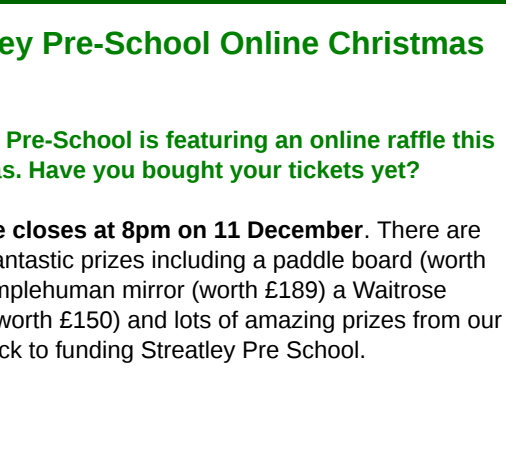
All is not lost, there will be a gathering for carols in the Rectory Gardens, Goring, with more details to follow. Anyone who could volunteer their time to help marshal at this event please email gstorchlight@gmail.com or speak to Revd Ben Phillips.

The organising committee is continually looking for people to help organise and plan the event, as well as on the night itself, and always appreciates new ideas. So please get in touch if you would like to help. The committee will also be circulating an online survey in the New Year to gather local views about the torchlight event.

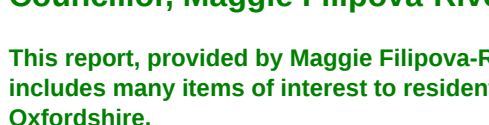
The wildlife calendar produced to highlight declining biodiversity is now available

Produced specifically to show the conservation status of the birds and other animals in the Goring Gap, the A3-size calendar is being sold by many Goring shops and other outlets.

All the proceeds will be donated to BBOWT (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust).



Streatley Pre-School Online Christmas Raffle



Streatley Pre-School is featuring an online raffle this Christmas. Have you bought your tickets yet?

The raffle closes at 8pm on 11 December. There are over 20 fantastic prizes including a paddle board (worth £649), simplehuman mirror (worth £189) a Waitrose hamper (worth £150) and lots of amazing prizes from our

generous local businesses. Every penny made will go straight back to funding Streatley Pre School.

For full details and to enter, see this [LINK](#).

Note: you don't need to be on Facebook! You can click 'Sign Up' at the very top of the page and then fill in your details in the boxes which appear. Then click Sign Up at the bottom. You can then follow the instructions to buy your tickets. You are **not** signing up to Facebook but just to the raffle.

Monthly Update from SODC District Councillor, Maggie Filipova-Rivers

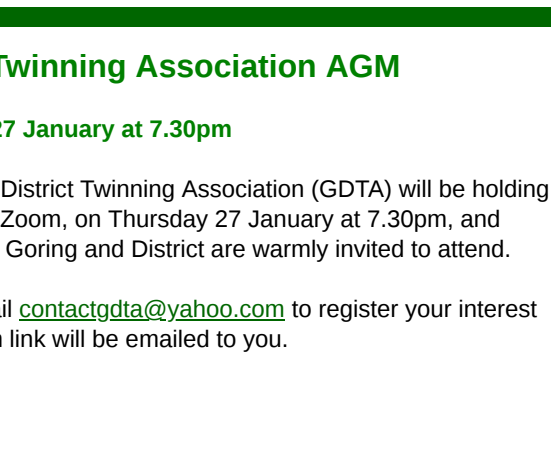
This report, provided by Maggie Filipova-Rivers, includes many items of interest to residents of South Oxfordshire.

To see her report in full click this [LINK](#).

For South News from SODC see this [LINK](#).

Topics covered include:

- Vouchers will help residents with winter essentials
- Free parking days return for the run up to Christmas
- Drink and needle spiking
- Active Communities projects
- Grants funding available



Goring Twinning Association AGM

Thursday 27 January at 7.30pm

Goring and District Twinning Association (GDTA) will be holding its AGM on Zoom, on Thursday 27 January at 7.30pm, and residents of Goring and District are warmly invited to attend.

Please email contactgdta@yahoo.com to register your interest and a Zoom link will be emailed to you.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Goring & Streatley

Sunday 5 June 2022

The Queen has been Monarch for longer than any other in British history and, like virtually every community in the land, Goring and Streatley are planning to celebrate Her Majesty's 70-year reign together.

For those who attended the 2012 Diamond Jubilee celebrations, you will remember the amazing, albeit a bit soggy, street party when over 4,000 residents and families came together for lunch on a kilometre-long line of tables from Goring railway bridge to Streatley traffic lights. The photographs and film of the spectacle appeared in virtually every national newspaper and BBC TV and ITV news bulletins, reporting it as probably the biggest street party in the country.

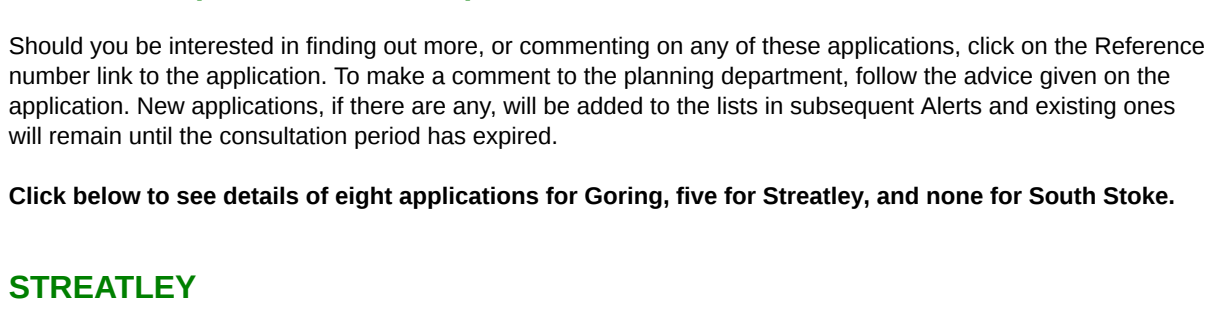
The plan for next year's celebrations is to repeat this type of event, but as an afternoon 'Tea Party', together with an equally special morning event in Goring's Sheppcot Recreation Ground in Gatehampton Road. These events, as before, will be more than a Royal occasion, but a special celebration of our two communities coming together again, individuals, families, friends and, for the morning event, all our local clubs and other organisations as well.

As the 4-day national Jubilee holiday (2-5 June) falls at the beginning of the 10-day GAP Festival (2-12 June) and the festival is the official legacy project of the Diamond Jubilee, the festival planners will be happy to take the lead. However, this is everyone's event and so we invite all local organisations and community groups to find out more and get involved and give us your ideas and thoughts on what you would like to see included, particularly for the morning event – and before Christmas please.

With so much to do, we need lots of help in very many areas. So, we would like anyone with organisational skills or simply enthusiasm about creating special community events, to email us at help@gapfestival.org.

Together we can make 5 June another very special occasion for everyone, especially the children, to enjoy and remember for ever. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

The Jubilee Celebrations Team



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, five for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

- Location:** Chaddlesworth Unnamed Road To Cleeve Court Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9PR

Proposal: Proposed extension to create a studio in the roof space above the garage

Reference Number: [P21/02877/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: 7 December 2021
- Location:** 4 Icknield Cottages High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JA

Proposal: Replacement of the two existing windows and front door to the front elevation with like-for-like double glazed replacements.

Reference Number: [P21/02670/LBC2](#)

Consultation Deadline: 10 December 2021
- Location:** Warren Cottage Rectory Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QE

Proposal: Proposed detached summer room & bike store; front canopy; first floor dormer window; changes to fenestrations and roof tiles.

Reference Number: [P21/02908/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: 13 December 2021
- Location:** 4 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JE

Proposal: Yew - 2.5m reduction and shaping of the tree, which has not been looked at for years and is distorting the shape of the nearby magnolia. The final height of the tree will be around 13 metres, after shaping

Reference Number: [P21/02647/TPC](#)

Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 14 December 2021
- Location:** Pensylva The Coombe Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QL

Proposal: Extend existing bungalow with part one and a half storey and part one storey. Renew approval 19/00652/HOUSE.

Reference Number: [P21/02952/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: 16 December 2021

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

- Location:** 4 Walnut Tree Court Goring RG8 9HW

Proposal: Enlargement of dining room window; small living room window to be increased; uPVC replacement windows with grey exterior finish; garage door opening to be bricked up in matching brickwork

Reference Number: [P21/S4565/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 1 December 2021
- Location:** Sangalala Elmhurst Walk Goring RG8 9DE

Proposal: Extensions and alterations to existing building

Reference Number: [P21/S4595/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 1 December 2021
- Location:** 2 Long Meadow Goring RG8 9EG

Proposal: Extensions at front and rear; new porch & canopy; demolish existing garage and replace; widen vehicle access

Reference Number: [P21/S4722/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 2 December 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:** 28 Holmea Road Goring RG8 9EX

Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (Surface Water Drainage) on P21/S2627/FUL – demolition of existing dwelling & erection of replacement. Not subject to public consultation.

Reference Number: [P21/S4531/DIS](#)

Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 6 December 2021
- Location:** 70 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR

Proposal: 2 storey side extension with porch

Reference Number: [P21/S4907/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 15 December 2021
- Location:** 1 Holmea Road Goring RG8 9EX

Proposal: L-shaped ground floor extension (to the side and rear); porch extension at the front.

Reference Number: [P21/S4718/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 17 December 2021
- Location:** Chestnut Corner 6B Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS

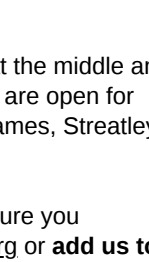
Proposal: Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) in P20/S4126/HH - construction of single storey rear and side extensions. Not subject to public consultation.

Reference Number: [P21/S4794/DIS](#)

Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 23 December 2021

Click on the link below for your parish council's web page for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and how to log on etc.

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



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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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