

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

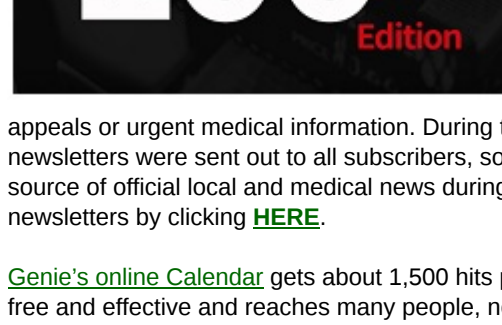
Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 December 2021

In this issue: Village Matters 100th issue; GWR timetable update; Citizens Advice over Xmas; Streatley YHA Hostel update; Not to miss Xmas events; Jubilee celebrations – and our latest update of new planning applications.



We wish all our readers a safe, healthy and happy Christmas holiday



This Christmas issue of Village Matters is the 100th since Genie was launched in June 2017

Over this period Genie's *Village Matters* has reported around 1,000 news items, often before local newspapers have covered the stories. In addition, many emergency or important bulletins were sent out in the red-topped *Public Information* newsletters, which are only published when there is a need for urgent action, such as Police

appeals or urgent medical information. During the early days of the Covid pandemic *Public Information* newsletters were sent out to all subscribers, sometimes within the hour of being requested, and were the main source of official local and medical news during that critical period. See the archives of these 2 different newsletters by clicking [HERE](#).

[Genie's online Calendar](#) gets about 1,500 hits per month, so advertising your social or public service events is free and effective and reaches many people, not just in Goring and Streatley, but in over 20 surrounding villages where residents want to know what's going on here.

Genie was primarily developed as a fast and reliable news and information service, for when there are emergencies or for when other public information needs to be disseminated very quickly to as many people as possible. This can only be achieved if they are all on one single mailing list. So, please suggest to anyone who doesn't yet subscribe that they visit Genie's website and click on the [Subscribe button](#).

Finally, don't forget it is the website where all the local information is available – just click on the **Local Information** tab on the [Home Page](#) to reveal 8 pages of more or less everything you need to know about the Goring Gap. It was compiled especially for people new to the villages so they can find everything they need to know in one place.

New Great Western Railway Timetable

Changes have been made to both weekend and weekday services with effect from Sunday 12 December



Online timetable journey planners have been updated and you can download copies of specific timetable booklets from the GWR website at <https://www.gwr.com/plan-journey/train-times>.

They are reintroducing their half-hourly Didcot Parkway to London Paddington services throughout the day. From January, branch line services in London-and-the-Thames-Valley will be restored to pre-pandemic frequencies – three trains an hour on the Windsor branch, and half-hourly services on both the Henley and Greenford branches.



Citizens Advice availability over Christmas holidays

At the darkest time of the year, it's good to know that Citizens Advice is there to support you

If you're in difficulties and need help or advice over Christmas and New Year, you can call us on 0808 278 7907 (Adviceline). The line will be open on 24 and 29-31 December, then from 4 January onwards.

If you normally pick up supplies at a Food Bank, remember that the opening hours could change over the holidays. It's a good idea to check with the Food Bank before you set out.

Also bear in mind that if you have a pre-payment meter for your energy supplies and can't afford to top up, you can get temporary credit. Your supplier might add this credit automatically, but if they don't, ask for it. Check the supplier's website and go to <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy> for more information.

Two Christmas events not to miss in the Gap

Friday 17 at 7.30pm in Goring Village Hall – **Goring Unplugged Christmas Special**.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies but, as usual, bring your own bottle, openers, glasses and eats. Please wear your masks and show your Covid pass (or a negative LFT result). £5 entry.

Christmas Eve – Carols in the Rectory Garden from 6pm, accompanied by the Concert Band. Bring your own lantern.



The campaign to 'Stop the Sale of Streatley Youth Hostel' is working, but more work and help is still needed

A message from the campaign team:

You may be aware that the local campaign group 'Stop the Sale of Streatley YHA' successfully managed to defer a possible sale last year of the Youth Hostel in Streatley. This is a great achievement and thanks go to all who helped us.

The next step is working with the YHA and local organisations to conduct an 'Options Appraisal' study to review the needs of visitors and educational groups which use or may want to use the facility in the future. This is to ensure that we refurbish and develop the facilities to ensure we have a viable and beneficial asset well into the future. The campaign group has been renamed 'Friends of Streatley YHA'.

Please click [HERE](#) to see the 6-page update from Friends of Streatley YHA, which includes the documents explaining the appraisal. If you can help, either as an individual or suggest other groups of organisations which would be interested in engaging with this, please let us know at friendsofstreatleyyha@gmail.com.

Please also consider helping us financially – and also join the group at <http://leapurl.com/gkNlin>.

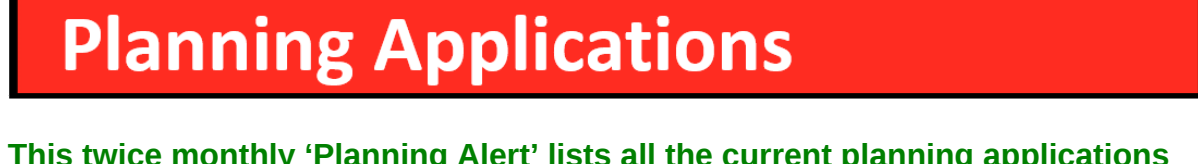
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Goring & Streatley will be on 5 June 2022. Look out for details in this weekend's Goring Gap News



As reported in Genie's [last issue](#), all local clubs, societies, organisations and individuals in the two villages are invited to get involved and offer their ideas as to what activities the two events should include, especially the morning one before the road closure for the street party.

The planning team will also need many people to help organise these events, so please email help@gapfestival.org or phone 07789 871620 for further information.

Thank you. *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 nine applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

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/S502/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **16 December 2021**

Location: **2 St Christophers Cottages The Coombe Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QS**
Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension
Reference Number: [P21/S502/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **30 December 2021**

SOUTH STOKE

Location: **Plough Cottage The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS**
Proposal: Discharge of condition 5 (Biodiversity - Evidence of registration) in application P20/S2018/HH (Two storey rear extension and internal alterations to the cottage. Change of use/creation of en suite ground floor bedroom to existing barn - ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling).
Reference Number: [P21/S5076/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target Decision date 14 January 2022**

GORING

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: **7 Nuns Acre Goring RG8 9BE**
Proposal: Single storey rear extension with Ultraframe classic double glazed roof
Reference Number: [P21/S4924/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **23 December 2021**

Location: **3 Kings Mews Goring RG8 0BS**
Proposal: Loft conversion including two roof-lights to the rear elevation, to form additional habitable space.
Reference Number: [P21/S4945/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **23 December 2021**

Location: **18 Clevedeme Goring RG8 9BU**
Proposal: Single-storey ground floor rear extension
Reference Number: [P21/S5021/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **23 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**

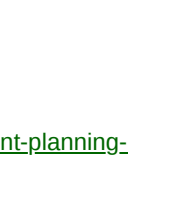
Location: **2 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 0AU**
Proposal: Existing porch replaced with single storey extension
Reference Number: [P21/S5012/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **6 January 2022**

Location: **Grange Court Grange Close Goring RG8 9DL**
Proposal: Change car port under Approval P19/S2397/FUL to a garage – footprint and elevations will stay the same.
Reference Number: [P21/S5017/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **8 January 2022**

Location: **Thurle Down Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS**
Proposal: Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) on Application P21/S3532/HH – replacement of existing garage. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: [P21/S5121/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 20 January 2022**

Location: **Howgate Boathouse Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BT**
Proposal: Discharge of condition 7 (foul drainage) on Application P17/S1850/HH – new pitched roof to existing garage & accommodation in roofspace. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: [P21/S5126/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 21 January 2022**

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](#)

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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