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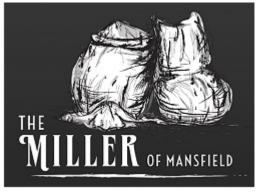
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Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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 12 February

In this issue: Changes at The Miller of Mansfield; What's On; Streatley High St repairs; Beavers restarting; Marriage preparation; Parkinson's Group; Info Office closed; Crime figures; Play bridge at Whitchurch; Jubilee celebrations - and our latest update of new planning applications.



The end of an era at The Miller of Mansfield

Mary and Nick are saying farewell to all their loyal customers

They have run the Miller for 8 years in the heart of Goring and during that time have developed it into an awardwinning destination for foodies, both local and from afar. Mary and Nick served their last customers yesterday (Sat 29 Jan) when the picture below was snatched in their very busy kitchen serving a full house.



The brewery, Stonegate, required an almost 90% increase in rent in order for them to agree a new lease, a figure which was not possible following the extended periods of Lockdown with very reduced sales, and especially after the 5 months when the hotel needed to be shut down completely following the fire in October 2020, which needed over £40,000 in repairs and refurbishment.

They are, however, not leaving their home here, so you will still see them around in the future and we wish them good luck in whatever they choose to do.

Here is a personal message from Mary and Nick on their last day:

To all our customers and friends,

With the heaviest of hearts, we are having to leave The Miller and our last day will be Saturday 29 January. The support of the Goring and Streatley community during our 8-year tenure has been invaluable to our business warm and encouraging to be a part of. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Stonegate will be taking over the running of The Miller and handling all future bookings. While the pub is likely to be closed for a week or two during February as the changeover takes place, the new operators can still be reached on reservations@millerofmansfield.com.

We'll be staying in the community as we don't want to move our family if we can help it. So, we hope to continue to see your cheery selves around and about.

Thank you again for supporting us and our business over the years.

Best wishes, Mary & Nick

What's On – for the Month of February

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 2 Feb	Stay and Play in Goring Library
	7.45pm Village Greenfingers talk: Entering Britain in Bloom
Fri 11 Feb	7pm Launch of Goring Community Jazz Club
Tues 15 Feb	Gap Photo Club: Creative Photography
Wed 16 Feb	FOGL Author talk in the Canterbury Room – Carolyn Kirby
Thur 17 Feb	Pick-a-flick – Black Beauty
Fri 18 Feb	Gap Comedy – Seann Walsh
Mon 21 Feb	Goring Gap Local History Society – Romans of Oxfordshire
Tues 22 Feb	Start of new WEA course: Visions of Genius
Thur 24 Feb	Goring Gap u3a talk: Mystery of the body in the bag
Fri 25 Feb	<i>Seeds of Love</i> – Opus Anglicanum male-voice 'a cappella' at Our Lady and St John Catholic Church



Repairs to Footpath in Streatley High Street

11-16 February

West Berks Council are planning repairs to the footpath on Streatley High Street on 11-16 February – adverse weather may cause the date to change. Works will involve replacement of kerb stones and resurfacing.

During this time there will be 4 way traffic lights and suspension of some parking.

For further updates check Twitter: @Streatley PC.

Beavers to be restarted : first meeting **Tuesday 1 February 2022**

The 2nd Goring & Streatley scout group now have leaders to run the beaver colony, so beaver meetings will be starting shortly. Beavers meet at the Morrell Room, Church Lane, Streatley on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6pm.

New boys and girls aged 6 years to 8 years are welcome to join the beavers, to enjoy the fun they have - great adventures and a smart uniform to wear on which to put all the badges they earn.

Limited number of spaces now available - so hurry if you wish to join.



Vacancies also for boys and girls in the cubs (8 to 11 years) and scouts (11 to 15/18 years).

Please contact David Cooksley (Skip), group scout master, 2nd Goring & Streatley. Email davidcooksley@hotmail.com or telephone 0118 943 2937. Website www.2ndgoringandstreatley.org.uk.



Are you planning to get married soon?

The local churches are offering a special preparation day to any local couples who would like to take part, wherever you are getting married.

A message from Revd Ben Phillips

It is so easy to get so focussed on all the details of "the Day" that you can lose sight of the plan to spend the rest of your life growing old in love together. This takes some effort and grace at times! There are some tools to help, such as paying attention to how you communicate, listen and make time for each other.

The marriage preparation course will be held on Saturday 5 February in the Canterbury Room (attached to St Thomas of Canterbury church, off Manor Road, Goring, RG8 9DR). 9.30am to 3.30pm, with tea/coffee available from 9.15am. A cooked lunch will also be provided.

Do bring a pen and be ready for a day thinking about all your life ahead together instead of the usual Saturday jobs! Spaces are limited, so please enquire and book asap.

Email vicarofgsandss@yahoo.com or call 01491 875651.

The Information Office in Goring is now closed

It is with regret that the Community Information Office in Station Road has closed due to reducing use and lack of people to staff it on a regular basis. Most of the leaflets have now been passed on to Goring Library just down the road. Telephone 01491 873028 Email: goring.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Library opening hours are:

9.30am-12.30pm Monday 9.30am-12.30pm and 2-7pm Tuesday Wednesday Closed 9.30am-2.30pm and 2-5pm Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm and 2-5pm Friday Saturday 9.30am-1pm Sunday Closed



Visitor Information can also be found on the visitors' website: www.visitgoringandstreatley.co.uk and on Genie's website in the 'Local Information' section.



Parkinson's Support Group

If you would be interested in joining a local group please read on.

The Hub, along with Briony Cooke (a person with Parkinson's, and support advocate), is hosting an initial meeting to ascertain whether a support group is needed locally for people with Parkinson's, and/or their family/carers, and if so, what such a group might be like.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 February, and all interested parties are asked to call 01491 525637 or email <u>claire.rhodes@theHubBTG.org.uk</u> to reserve a place. If you cannot attend, but this is of interest, please do get in touch as we'd still like to add your views and input to the discussion, and can update you on the outcome of the meeting.

Play Bridge at Whitchurch Village Hall

Do join us and play Bridge at our friendly club. We meet every second Wednesday, starting play at 1.30pm and ending at 4.30pm.

We play Chicago Bridge using a cut in system so you don't have to find a partner. Just come and play. You will be made to feel welcome. We enjoy a short tea break half way through the afternoon.

Please either phone Philippa Turner, on 07855 830140 or 01491 875648, or email her on kenya1952@gmail.com





Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

There comes a time for all of us when we face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone. Last year one of the most difficult - our 90 advisers advised 9,000 clients on over 20,000 problems. We helped four in five resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing difficulties. Many of these were linked to the Covid-19 crisis.

We now need more advisers as we move into the pandemic recovery phase. If you have eight hours a week to spare for the next two years or more and are looking for a satisfying and stimulating volunteer role in your local community, please contact us at: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-

vale/volunteer/

Our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thames. Since March 2020 our volunteers and staff have been advising the public from home on our Adviceline service. Recently we partially re-opened our offices, in part to train new advisers

What will you get out of it? You will join a friendly team, meet new people, develop your skills and make a real difference to people's lives.

You'll need to have good listening and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and be confident with computers. Full training will be provided.

Henley adviser Amanda says: "I am proud to volunteer with Citizens Advice because they offer crucial support to those that need it most, and my colleagues, both volunteers and employees, make volunteering a pleasure."

We welcome applications from all sections of the community and are committed to equality and diversity.

Crime incidents in Goring this month

Below are the 'incidents' in Goring and locality reported to Genie on 29 January by the Thames Valley Police (Henley Neighbourhood Team)

- 09 Jan ASB Children on scooters Suspicious person - Children on scooters 09 Jan
- 09 Jan ASB – Children on scooters – Mountfield
- 09 Jan Suspicious person – shining torch late at night



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SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022



Save the Date – Goring & Streatley GORING & STREATLEY Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - Sunday 5 June

> The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations team invites all residents of Goring and Streatley, their families and friends, to join together for another amazing street party to celebrate this historic occasion.

We hope that it will be every bit as joyful and memorable as the one in 2012 during our Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Then, over 4,000 people enjoyed each other's company and made new friends in a continuous 1-kilometre line of tables joining our two counties stretching from Goring railway bridge to Streatley traffic lights.

Plans are underway to close both High Streets and the bridge once more for the 'Big Lunch', as we join together with the rest of the Nation to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne, a unique record in British history.

The street party will be preceded by 'Jubilee Praise', an inter-denominational thanksgiving service in the Rectory Garden lasting about 45 minutes, before the road is closed at 12.30pm. This time, we will be having loud speakers along the whole length of the line of tables so everyone will hear the music and the announcements from the PA system. During and after the lunch there will be community singing and street entertainment and many other fun activities. The guiding principle when planning this event, as it was in 2012, is that it will be fully inclusive and totally free, with all the costs covered by local fundraising. The only things you will need to do is bring are your lunch, a tablecloth and a chair - and if you wish, come decked out for the occasion!

The celebration organisers are being led by the GAP Festival planners, but anyone who enjoys helping to create events like this is most welcome to join the team - we will need plenty of help starting from now, so please email jubilee@gapfestival.org or call 07789 871620.

Read more about the plans, see some photographs from the 2012 Jubilee souvenir book and information about another Jubilee event - the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon on Thursday evening 2 June.

The other Jubilee event organised by the GAP Festival team will be an evening ceremony in the Rectory Garden for the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon on the tower of St Thomas' Church. This will begin as darkness falls on Thursday 2 June. Again, all are invited to join in the singing and listen to the band, choir and bagpipes to herald in the start of the national 4-day Jubilee Celebration period.

For those who didn't buy one of the 100-page souvenir books and the feature length film on DVD of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012 (front cover pictured here) and may want a copy, please enquire by emailing jubilee@gapfestival.org or call 07789 871620 for availability. The price of the book is £10 (half price) and it comes with the free DVD.





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 six applications for Goring, four for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

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Proposal:

Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

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Location:

Proposal:

Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

Chaddleworth Unnamed Road To Cleeve Court Streatley Reading Berkshire RG8 9PR

Approval of details reserved by Condition No. 4 (Arboricultural Method Statement) of Approved Application 21/02877/HOUSE: Proposed extension to create a studio in the roof space above the garage 22/00140/COND1 8 February 2022

Mulberry Cottage The Coombe Streatley Reading West Berkshire **RG8 9QL**

First floor side/front extension, ground floor single storey rear extension, single storey garage/store extension, single storey summerhouse, hard landscaping and improvements to frontage, new swimming pool, and addition of sustainable features. 22/00093/HOUSE

2 Underwood Cottages The Coombe Streatley Reading West

Demolition of existing double garage and erection of replacement

Linden Cottage Reading Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire

Retrospective regularisation of mixed agricultural

hardstanding/engineering works

10 February 2022

Berkshire RG8 9RA

15 February 2022

home office 22/00075/HOUSE

RG8 9NB

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16 February 2022

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Proposal: **Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:**

SOUTH STOKE None GORING Land to the east of Manor Road to the south of Little Croft Road Location: Goring RG8 9EJ Reserved Matters (Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale) for Proposal: Outline approval P19/S2923/O (not subject to an environment impact assessment) - Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works. **Reference Number:** P22/S0003/RM **Consultation Deadline:** 2 February 2022 * * * * Hartswood Manor Road Goring RG8 9EN Location: Demolition of garage wing & two storey rear bay, erection of part Proposal: two/part single storey front, side and rear extensions. Reference Number: P21/S5389/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 2 February 2022 * * * * The Pavilion Thames Road Goring RG8 9AH Location: Discharge of Condition 11(Wildlife Protection) on Application P19/S1699/FUL Variation of conditions of planning permission Proposal: P18/S1983/FUL to amend the approved plans and vary the wording of condition 4,5,6,7,9 10 and 11. Not subject to public consultation. P21/S5348/DIS Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 3 February 2022 * * * * 94 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR Location: Variation of condition 2 (plans) on application P20/S3006/HH - part single/double storey rear extension, garage conversion & additional Proposal: window to ground floor. External walls to be rendered in Polar White Silicone Scraped Texture. Reference Number: P22/S0057/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 4 February 2022 * * * * Goring & Streatley Station Goring RG8 0EP Location: Removal of existing 12m High Phosco Phase 1 Monopole & cabinet and replacement with a 20m High Apollo pole, GPS module, Proposal: installation of a Lancaster Cabinet, side pod & meter cabinet, 0.8m brick wall and ancillary development thereto. Reference Number: P21/S4432/FUL **Consultation Deadline:** 16 February 2022 * * * * Location: 4 Walnut Tree Court Goring RG8 9HW Replace existing conservatory roof with traditional tiled roof to match Proposal: main roof. Reference Number: P22/S0126/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 23 February 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-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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