

**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 24 February

**In this issue:** Closure of McColl's, GPC announcement about Cllr Brown; Children's Film Festival; GPC Survey; Old textiles wanted; GPC vacancy; January Report from Maggie Filipova-Rivers – and our latest update of new planning applications.

**McColl's and Post Office, in Goring High Street, is to close on 11 July**

The store manager has given Genie a brief statement to say, "It is with great sadness that I inform you that the McColl's store in Goring will be closing permanently on July 11th 2022 as the company have made the decision not to renew the lease."

The chief executive of McColl's said a year or so ago that the convenience store group will look to shut as many as 330 stores over the next few years as it seeks to rationalise its store estate as part of its longer-term strategic plan.



Enquiries to Post Office Ltd have not yet revealed whether it intends to relocate its counter services to another local Goring outlet when McColl's closes in the summer. We await the outcome and also whether a new convenience store chain will take over the site.

**Sad News – Councillor Matthew Brown**



**Goring-on-Thames Parish Council is deeply saddened to announce the death of Councillor Matthew Brown, after a brief illness.**

Councillor Brown had lived in Goring for many years and an active member of the Parish Council for the last 12 years. Most recently he has been Vice-Chairman of the Council, Chairman of both the Planning Committee and the Staffing Committee and the Council's liaison on the Goring Poor's Allotment Society and the Streatley with Goring Dementia Action Forum Liaison.

During his time, when not serving on the Council, Councillor Brown was also an active member of the local Sailing Club.

Whilst being unable to attend meetings in the last few months, Councillor Brown did remain active right up to his very last days on e-mail, ensuring his voice as a

Councillor was still heard. Many of us had the pleasure of serving on various committees and working groups alongside Councillor Brown and he made a valuable contribution to life in his community and the Parish Council.

Councillor Brown will be sorely missed by his fellow members, officers and staff of the Parish Council and our sincere condolences go to his partner Jill and family. Jill has requested donations to Sue Ryder in lieu of flowers and has asked that those interested in obtaining funeral details, when they are available, should please contact the [Clerk](#).

**Children's Film Festival entries date extended**

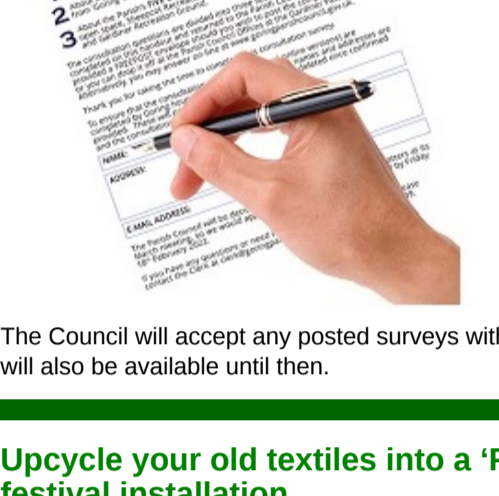
As half term approaches, The GAP Festival team have announced an extension to registrations for this year's Children's Film Festival. They must be submitted by 4 May.



A smartphone is all that's needed to get started. All school ages can enter their own simple **short-film** to be part of the red-carpet premiere screening taking place on Sunday 12 June, and there are some amazing Film Oxford course prizes to be won!

Film submissions are also now open, and the team is offering two free film workshops on Saturday 5 March and Saturday 23 April to help budding film makers bring their ideas to life.

So if you have some avid TikTokers, media studies students or simply want to inspire the young ones in your household, get them to sign up at [www.thegapfestival.org/film-festival](http://www.thegapfestival.org/film-festival) and join those already registered in shining a spotlight on the local creative young talent we have living right here. Who knows perhaps the Oscar winners of the future are right under our noses?



**Your Opinions Matter**  
 Consultation deadline 18 February 2022

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council is currently seeking your views on three topics. You are likely to have received, delivered to your home, a consultation survey with a freepost return envelope. We would like to hear from everyone in your household aged 16+ years, and welcome completed forms returned either:

- in the freepost envelope provided
- delivered directly to the letterbox at the Gardiner Pavilion
- or completed electronically on the [Parish Council website](#)

If you need more paper copies, please [contact the Clerk](#) to request more copies to be delivered to your home.

The Council will accept any posted surveys with postmarks on or before **18 February 2022**. The online version will also be available until then.

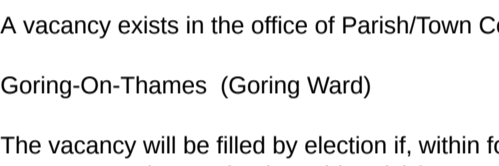
**Upcycle your old textiles into a 'Playful' festival installation**

Goring Textile Group is looking to take the GAP Festival decorations to a whole new level but they can't do that without your help!



If you have any old clothes or textiles in bold shades of pink, red, teal, orange and yellow similar to those in the picture, please start donating them from now over the weeks ahead. These will be upcycled into a 'Playful' installation to bring an extra special celebratory vibe to some areas of the villages.

The team kindly request fabrics are cotton or polycotton and no smaller than an adult sized shirt, so bedspreads, sheets, tablecloths, fabric off-cuts or shirts are perfect! Textiles can be dropped to Q1 Foundation, aka The Hub, in Goring Arcade in a sealed bag inside their Food Donations box. Or you can email [help@gapfestival.org](mailto:help@gapfestival.org) with the subject "fabric donation".



**From the formal Notice on the Goring-on-Thames Website:**

**Goring-on-Thames Parish Council (Goring Ward) currently has a vacancy for a councillor due to the death of Matthew Brown**

**Public notice is hereby given that due to the death of: Matthew Brown**

A vacancy exists in the office of Parish/Town Councillor for Goring-On-Thames (Goring Ward)

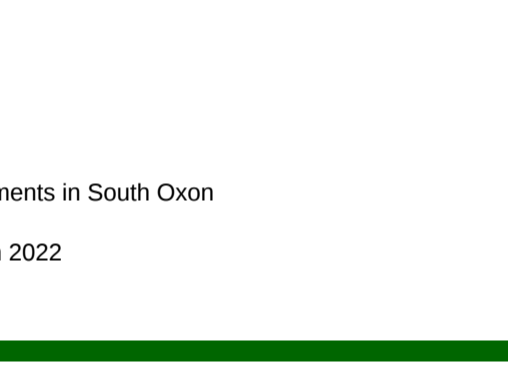
The vacancy will be filled by election if, within fourteen working days of the date of this notice, any ten local government electors for the said parish/town submit a written request to the Returning Officer, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB.

In computing these fourteen days mentioned above you disregard a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday or a day appointed for Public Thanksgiving or Mourning.

If no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by Co-option by the Parish Council.

Dated 08th February 2022                      Signed Mrs L White                      Clerk to the Council

**January Report from Maggie Filipova-Rivers**



**Ward Member for Goring and South Stoke**

The topics covered are:

- Climate Action Plan – a major step to reducing council emissions
- Homelessness in South Oxfordshire
- Support for residents who are struggling
- Neighbourhood Plan pilot
- Planning Enforcement
- Local Government Finance Settlement
- New Gambling policy
- Over £6.5 million given for transport and school improvements in South Oxon
- OCC Local Transport Plan consultation
- Can you help us spread the word to reduce your waste in 2022

The report can be found [HERE](#).



**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, five for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

- STREATLEY**
- Location:** Linden Cottage Reading Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9NB  
**Proposal:** Retrospective regularisation of mixed agricultural hardstanding/engineering works  
**Reference Number:** [P22/00138/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 16 February 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** 4 Icknield Cottages High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JA  
**Proposal:** Rear first floor extension, internal alterations, alterations to rear out building and construction of new brick & flint garden wall  
**Reference Number:** [P22/00200/LBC2](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 1 March 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** 4 Icknield Cottages High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JA  
**Proposal:** Rear first floor extension, internal alterations, alterations to rear out building and construction of new brick & flint garden wall  
**Reference Number:** [P22/00198/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 1 March 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** 4 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JE  
**Proposal:** Rationalisation of entrance. Attic level link roof with accommodation  
**Reference Number:** [P22/00286/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 3 March 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** 15 Hill Gardens Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QF  
**Proposal:** Removal of existing flat roofed porch and baywindow roof and formation of new pitched roof to porch and bay window, with no change to the existing footprint.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/00320/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target date: 6 April 2022

- SOUTH STOKE**
- Location:** 10 Glebe Cottages Wallingford Road South Stoke RG8 0JA  
**Proposal:** Single and two storey extensions to front side and rear and formation of vehicular access. Provision of a dormer window to the front elevation and the relocation of the entrance door to the front with an open canopy porch over.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S0349/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 25 February 2022

- GORING**
- Location:** Goring & Streatley Station Goring RG8 0EP  
**Proposal:** Removal of existing 12m High Phosco Phase 1 Monopole & cabinet and replacement with a 20m High Apollo pole, GPS module, 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  
**Proposal:** Replace existing conservatory roof with traditional tiled roof to match main roof.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S0126/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 23 February 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** Tudor Cottage Manor Road Goring RG8 9DR  
**Proposal:** New single storey rear extension & minor internal alterations to ground floor. Planning application  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S0369/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 2 March 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** Tudor Cottage Manor Road Goring RG8 9DR  
**Proposal:** New single storey rear extension & minor internal alterations to ground floor. Listed Building application  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S0370/LB](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 9 March 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** Upper Gatehampton Farm Goring RG8 9LY  
**Proposal:** Change of use of barn from agricultural to proposed vehicle storage.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S0435/N4C](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** 9 March 2022
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** 78 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR  
**Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear extension  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S0531/LDP](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target date: 7 April 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>

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

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