

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 April 2022

In this issue: Emergency road closure, Streatley; Festival tickets for sale; Goring Litterpick; Towpath diversion; April What's On; Lenny Henry talk; Easter church services; GGEO meeting; GPC election; New parking charges; Saturday buses – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Emergency Road Closure – Streatley

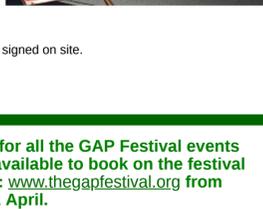
Until Monday 4 April inclusive

Wallingford Road, Streatley (A329) is closed between the traffic lights and the turning to the Wantage Road (A417) because of a major water leak which needs to be repaired as a matter of urgency.

The road is due to re-open by midnight on Monday 4 April.

Regular access will be maintained throughout and the diversion signed on site.

All enquiries should be directed to: KCD on 0800 316 9800



Tickets for all the GAP Festival events will be available to book on the festival website: www.thegapfestival.org from Friday 1 April.

The festival runs from 2 to 12 June with over 80 events being staged in multiple venues over the 10-day period. The full programme is on the website and a 40-page A5 programme will be delivered to all letterboxes in Goring and Streatley in the coming weeks.

The first 4 days coincide with the national 4-day Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and Goring and Streatley will be holding three Jubilee events, the main one being the big Street Party lunch on 5 June.



From 1 April onwards, residents of Goring and Streatley can book their table spaces for the Jubilee Street Party. Table bookings are free and need to be made online on the [Jubilee section](#) of the festival website.

There will a direct link on the website for booking tables and further information can be obtained from the special information sheet (How to reserve your Big Jubilee Lunch Street Party table) [HERE](#).

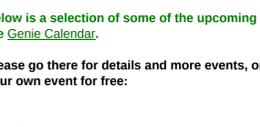
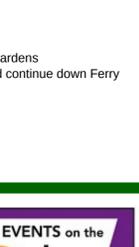
Goring Litter Pick

Saturday 2 April – 10am to 12.30pm

Meet at the Gardiner Cricket Pavilion, Upper Red Cross Road. All equipment provided.

Cleeve by Goring WI will be serving refreshments.

Please come along and help!



Part of Goring Towpath to be closed

4 April 2022 for approximately one month

This closure is for the replacement by the Environment Agency of 200 metres of towpath surface to a non-slip material.

Exemptions are included for emergency services, for Works and for pedestrian access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of Goring Lock.

The alternative route for this closure is:

- from the bridge continue along the High Street towards the village centre
- then turn right along Manor Road, following the public footpath past the Rectory Gardens
- continue to the right turn down Ferry Lane (opposite the John Barleycorn pub) and continue down Ferry Lane
- then go over the grass (Ferry Lane Open Space) to re-join the Thames Path.

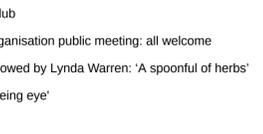
A map can be seen [HERE](#).

Appropriate signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force.

Coming up in April – cast your vote for a parish councillor on the 21st

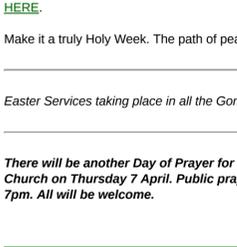
Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the [Genie Calendar](#).

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



Mon, Thur, Fri	Weekly activities at The Hub – coffee, exercise, games etc
Sat 2 April	10am Goring Spring Litter Pick – help needed
Sun 3 April	3.15pm Come and try circle dancing
Mon 4 April	6.45pm Goring and Streatley Bridge Club
Wed 6 April	7.30pm Goring Gap Environmental Organisation public meeting: all welcome
	7.45pm Village Greenfingers. AGM followed by Lynda Warren: 'A spoonful of herbs'
Thur 7 April	8pm Photo club: Paul Mitchell: 'The seeing eye'
Sat 9 April	10am CommuniTea drop in at the Hub
Wed 13 April	Destiny Village Project, Sierra Leone – talk by Sue Hookway for Cleeve-by-Goring WI
Thur 21 April	Goring-on-Thames Parish Council election
	10.30am Pick-a-Flick: 'Their Finest'
Sat 23 April	7.30pm Goring Chamber Choir at Douai Abbey
Mon 25 April	2.30pm Local history society: Richard Fortey: 'History of a Chiltern Beechwood'
Tues 26 April	3.30pm Goring & District Community Centre Trust AGM
Thur 28 April	10.30am Goring u3a: David Jones: 'How Tropical Rainforests Work'
Fri 29 April	7.30pm Goring Unplugged

New Date for Lenny Henry Library Talk



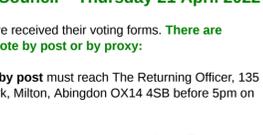
Sir Lenny will now be giving his talk on the evening of **Thursday 21 April**.

The arrangements remain the same – the talk will be in the Morrell Room, Streatley. Refreshments will be served from 6.30 and Sir Lenny will start his talk at 7pm.

- Tickets purchased for the previous date will still be valid.
- Those who have tickets but are unable to come to this new event are asked to bring their tickets to the library from Tuesday 5 April onwards to obtain a refund.
- Any refunded tickets will be available to purchase by those who were unable to obtain them for the first date. The library will open a waiting list, for personal callers only, from Thursday 7 April.

United Benefice Services for Holy Week

Ben Phillips writes:
Join us for our Services this Holy Week



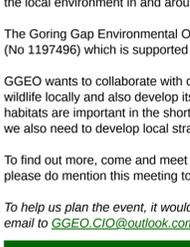
Holy Week leading up to Easter is a very appropriate time to take stock of all the woes of the world in the hope of the power of love.

This year all our special services will include specific time for silence and prayer for Ukraine. You can find details [HERE](#).

Make it a truly Holy Week. The path of peace is always costly, paved with love and worthwhile.

Easter Services taking place in all the Goring churches are published on page 15 of the March GGN.

There will be another Day of Prayer for Ukraine. This time in the Roman Catholic Church on Thursday 7 April. Public prayers at 7am, 9am 12.30pm, 4.30pm and 7pm. All will be welcome.



Reminder: Election of Parish Councillor for Goring-on-Thames Parish Council – Thursday 21 April 2022

Registered electors will have received their voting forms. There are deadlines if you wish to vote by post or by proxy:

New applications to vote by post must reach The Returning Officer, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon OX14 4SB before 5pm on Monday 4 April.

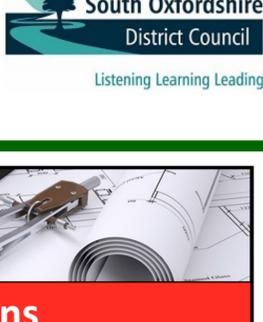
Applications to vote by proxy must reach The Returning Officer, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon OX14 4SB before 5pm on Monday 11 April.

In order to assist residents in making their decision and to encourage them to take part in this election, Genie has invited the three candidates to write a short piece explaining why they would like to be a parish councillor, how they think they can be of value to both the council and the community and what qualities and experience they will bring to the role.

These will be published in a Public Information Newsletter, to be sent to Goring subscribers only, on Sunday 3 April.

Would you like to help protect and improve our local environment?

If so, come to a public meeting on 6 April at the Swan Hotel, Streatley



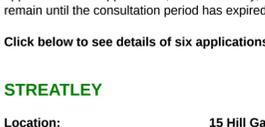
There's much to do in building an effective organisation which can make a real difference – and we need your help to do this. If you think you may be able to make a contribution in any way, or would just like to find out more, please come along to GGO's first public meeting at the Swan Hotel. No special skills or expertise are required to play a part, just an enthusiasm for protecting and improving the local environment in and around Goring and Streatley.

The Goring Gap Environmental Organization (GGO) is a newly registered local conservation and wildlife charity (No 1197496) which is supported by the [Mend the Gap Programme](#).

GGO wants to collaborate with other organisations, land owners and anyone who cares for our landscape and wildlife locally and also develop its own programmes where needed. Restoring and establishing new wildlife habitats are important in the short term to help reverse the rapidly declining biodiversity of our fauna and flora, but we also need to develop local strategies for climate resilience and sustainability for future generations.

To find out more, come and meet GGO's trustees and ask questions at the Swan Hotel at 7.30pm on 6 April – and please do mention this meeting to anyone else you think may be interested.

To help us plan the event, it would be very helpful if you could let us know if you are planning to attend either by email to GGO.CIO@outlook.com or calling 07789 871620. Thank you.



Going Forward Buses

Unfortunately due to a lack of available drivers **Going Forward Buses will not be able to operate any services on Saturdays** after Saturday 2 April until further notice.

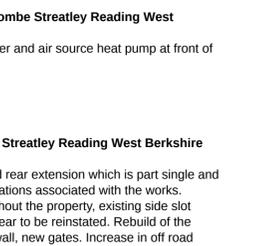
They are very sorry for any inconvenience caused. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping them to run a service on Saturdays, please do let them know by emailing littlelbus@yahoo.com.

New Car Parking Charges from 4 April for Wheel Orchard Car Park, Goring

Pay and Display

Mon-Sat 9:00am to 5:00pm	Up to 1 hr	No charge
	Up to 2 hrs	£1.40
	Up to 5 hrs	£2.60
& Sun 10:00am to 5:00pm	Up to 10 hrs	£5.40

For full details see this [LINK](#).



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 two for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

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: [22/00320/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: **Target date: 6 April 2022**

Location: 3 Coombe Cottages The Coombe Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QP

Proposal: Siting of electric vehicle charger and air source heat pump at front of property.

Reference Number: [22/00668/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: **8 April 2022**

Location: Mulberry House High Street Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9JD

Proposal: Two storey side extension and rear extension which is part single and part two storeys. Internal alterations associated with the works. Replacement windows throughout the property, existing side slot windows infilled. Chimney to rear to be reinstated. Rebuild of the existing raised bed/retaining wall, new gates. Increase in off road parking space and detached garage outbuilding.

Reference Number: [22/00681/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: **12 April 2022**

Location: Ridgeway Wantage Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9LA

Proposal: Retrogressive planning for construction of a timber summerhouse outbuilding with flat roof in rear garden.

Reference Number: [22/00737/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: **14 April 2022**

Location: Duzac The Coombe Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QL

Proposal: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 4 (Landscaping), 9 (hard landscaping),10 (SUDS),12 (HIGH7 - Surfacing of access),13 (Tree protection scheme) and 14 (Time Restriction to Construction) of planning permission 20/01602/FULD - Replacement chalet bungalow

Reference Number: [22/00488/CONDL](#)

Consultation Deadline: **Target date: 18 May 2022**

SOUTH STOKE

Location: South Stoke Community Shop Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JT

Proposal: Extend the current permission which expires on 12 March 2022 by three years to 12 March 2025. The A1 shop, A3 cafe, ancillary storage and toilet will continue.

Reference Number: [P22/S0816/FUL](#)

Consultation Deadline: **12 April 2022**

Location: Ashmount House Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL

Proposal: Alterations to existing fenestrations: change the front dormer window roof from a flat roof to a pitched roof & change the front first floor window on the landing from 2 pairs of casement windows to a single pair of casement window, centred on the dormer above. (as clarified by letter from project Ecologist received 28 March 2022)

Reference Number: [P22/S1147/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **16 April 2022**

Location: 2 Woden House Limetree Rd. Goring RG8 9EY

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 4 (Tree Protection) and 5 (Surface Water Drainage) on application P21/S3944/HH - erection of a single storey rear extension. Not subject to public consultation.

Reference Number: [P22/S0654/DIS](#)

Consultation Deadline: **Target date: 1 April 2022**

Location: Stow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL

Proposal: Demolition of small ancillary structures and existing outbuilding; erection of 2 semidetached dwellings, 2 detached dwellings with garages, parking, amended access and landscaping.

Reference Number: [P22/S0788/FUL](#)

Consultation Deadline: **30 March 2022**

Location: Stow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL

Proposal: Demolition of single storey rear wing and existing outbuilding, removal of swimming pool & northern section of driveway; erection of outbuilding consisting of garage with ancillary accommodation

Reference Number: [P22/S0785/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **6 April 2022**

Location: 78 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Reference Number: [P22/S0531/LDP](#)

Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 7 April 2022**

Location: 9 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY

Proposal: Ground and first floor side and rear extensions

Reference Number: [P22/S1109/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **16 April 2022**

Location: Mill Cottage Lock Approach Goring RG8 9AD

Proposal: Discharge of condition 5(surface water drainage) on application P21/S3339/HH – demolition of existing day room, sheds etc, single storey extensions. Not subject to public consultation.

Reference Number: [P22/S1146/DIS](#)

Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 3 May 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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