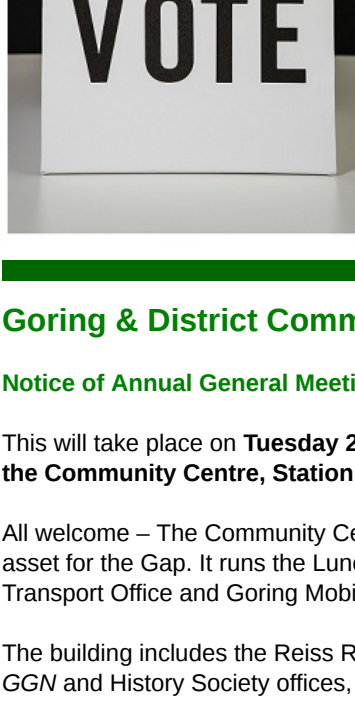


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter
Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.
Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 April

In this issue: Community Centre AGM; Sailing Club news; Jerome K Jerome event; Jubilee table booking; Help with Ukrainian refugees; Film Festival; School Governors needed; Festival help please; Jubilee garden; GGEO meeting – and our latest update of new planning applications.

We wish all our readers a Happy Easter!

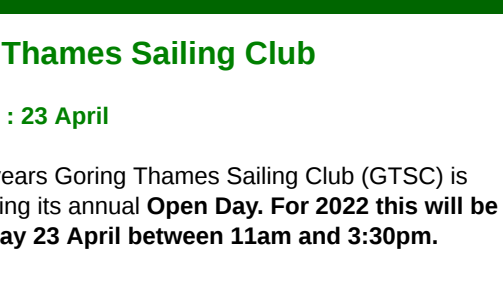
Local Election – Goring-on-Thames Parish Council
Thursday 21 April, 7am-10pm



A reminder that polling will take place in both the Bellerie Room, Goring AND Storton Lodge, Clevee.
Please check your poll card and go to the correct place to vote.

Goring & District Community Centre
Notice of Annual General Meeting

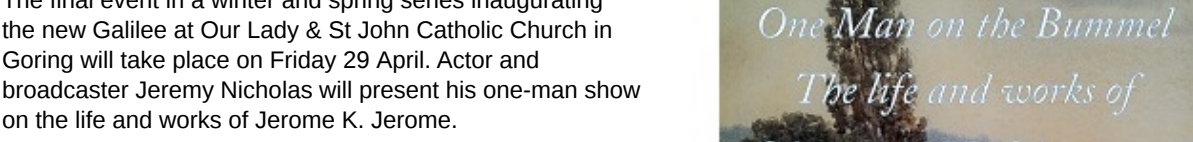
This will take place on **Tuesday 26 April at 3.30pm** in the **Community Centre, Station Road, Goring.**



All welcome – The Community Centre is an important asset for the Gap. It runs the Lunch Club as well as the Transport Office and Goring Mobility Equipment.
The building includes the Reiss Room, Dining Room and East Wing, all available for hire. It also houses the GGN and History Society offices, as well as the consulting room occupied by Victoria Swan, the osteopath.
Come along and find out how the Trust manages the building and the important services run from there.

Charity No 1000005

Goring Thames Sailing Club
Open Day : 23 April



After two years Goring Thames Sailing Club (GTSC) is again holding its annual **Open Day. For 2022 this will be on Saturday 23 April between 11am and 3:30pm.**

The Open Day is a fun family day out in the fresh air with the opportunity to get out onto the water to try a new sport, or to resurrect old skills. The club boats will be available for use on Open Day by visitors, buoyancy aids will be provided for everyone using the river and the club's safety boats will be on hand throughout the day.

The club house contains a fully licensed bar, which will be open during the day. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate are also available from the tea bar. Refreshments will be on sale all day, including a BBQ at lunch time and cakes, ice cream and confectionary throughout the event.

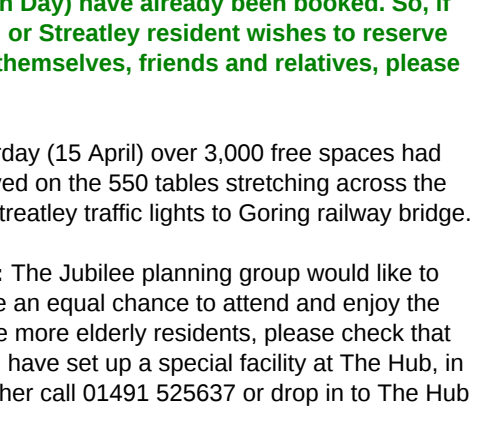
Anyone interested in joining as a new member can do so in person at the Open Day. Alternatively, please contact the membership secretary on gtscc.enquiries@goringthamesssc.org.uk or log onto the website: www.goringthamesssc.org.uk for more information.

Jerome K Jerome comes to life in Goring
Friday 29 April at 7pm

The final event in a winter and spring series inaugurating the new Galilee at Our Lady & St John Catholic Church in Goring will take place on Friday 29 April. Actor and broadcaster Jeremy Nicholas will present his one-man show on the life and works of Jerome K. Jerome.

The evening will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate the genius of a beloved author at the heart of our literary heritage here on the River Thames. Jeremy is the perfect man to bring Jerome and his comic creations to life, being the longstanding President of the Jerome K. Jerome Society and having received an Olivier Award nomination for his West End solo performances of *Three Men in a Boat* and *Three Men on the Bummel*. They later became highly successful BBC radio productions.

The Galilee building has already gained many plaudits for its sympathetic extension to the Arts and Crafts church providing valued extra facilities for the congregation, village and wider community.



Tickets at £15 and £10 (restricted view) and half price for students and children are available at www.galileegoring.org.uk or on 01491 872181.

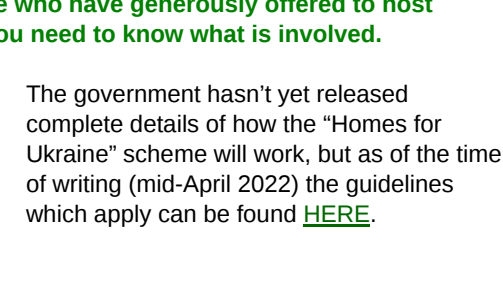
Have you booked your table yet?
About 90% of all the available places at the big Street Party on Sunday 5 June (National Jubilee Street Party Lunch Day) have already been booked. So, if any Goring or Streatley resident wishes to reserve places for themselves, friends and relatives, please act now.

As of yesterday (15 April) over 3,000 free spaces had been reserved on the 550 tables stretching across the river from Streatley traffic lights to Goring railway bridge.

Special help to book is available for people who are not online: The Jubilee planning group would like to make sure that residents who may not use email or computers have an equal chance to attend and enjoy the celebrations. This year you know of any people in this category, perhaps the more elderly residents, please check that they know about the party and, if necessary, help them to book. We have set up a special facility at The Hub, in Goring Arcade, who will make their bookings for them. They can either call 01491 525637 or drop in to The Hub between 10am and 2pm on weekdays.

Normal online booking continues to be available via the GAP Festival's website: www.thegapfestival.org. Any queries or further information can be obtained by emailing Louise at streetparty@thegapfestival.org or phoning 07554 424246.

GFC Ukraine support team
In response to the terrible events that are taking place in Ukraine, Goring Free Church (GFC) is setting up a Ukraine Support Team to provide support for any refugees who will be coming to live in our villages, and to support their hosts.



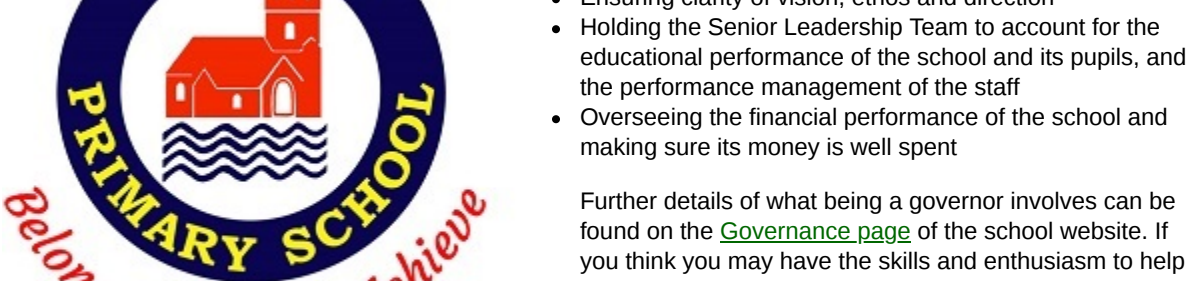
The team will help in welcoming and befriending our Ukrainian guests – meeting up for coffee, going out with them, familiarising them with the area and life in the UK, shopping trips, sending birthday cards etc. Also giving language support and taking them on trains, buses and giving lifts as appropriate. We all know from our Covid experience how much we need community and a key role of the support team will be to help these Ukrainian refugees feel part of a welcoming community.

In offering to help in this way, the support team will also be supporting the hosts who cannot do all this by themselves. Hosting is a community effort! Providing meals, sharing hospitality and laying on social events and 'drop ins' where both the Ukrainians and hosts can meet up will probably be highly appreciated too. Also being 'link hosts' when the main host is out or won't be ready to make sure the Ukrainian is doing OK.



If anyone who is hosting, or considering hosting, would like to have this kind of support, or would simply like to feel there were people just to be there for them, do get in touch. Sue Hookway srhookway@btinternet.com 07985011810.

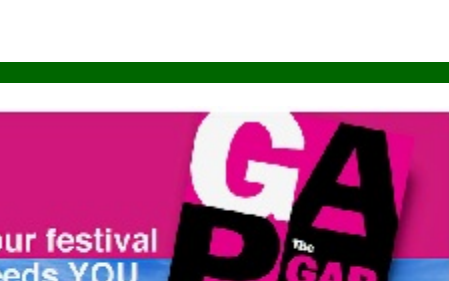
Basic guidelines for hosting Ukrainian refugees – Citizens Advice
If you are one of those who have generously offered to host Ukrainian refugees, you need to know what is involved.



The government hasn't yet released complete details of how the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme will work, but as of the time of writing (mid-April 2022) the guidelines which apply can be found [HERE](#).

Children's Film Festival FREE Editing Workshop

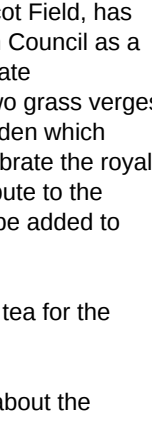
For young creatives there will be another set of FREE Film Festival workshops on **Saturday 23 April** at Goring Community Centre. One session, for primary and secondary school ages, is at 2-4pm. The other, for Sixth Form, is at 4-6pm. Both sessions will focus on how to get started on editing your short film for the Children's Film Festival.



You can still register and submit entries right up until 4 May. All you need is a short story idea, a mobile phone, some willing friends or family to act, and free online editing software. It's easy! This is a great opportunity for your family to get creative this Easter holiday. Plus you can then enjoy a family red carpet premiere and family friendly movie screening as part of the Festival on Sunday 12 June (tickets available now).

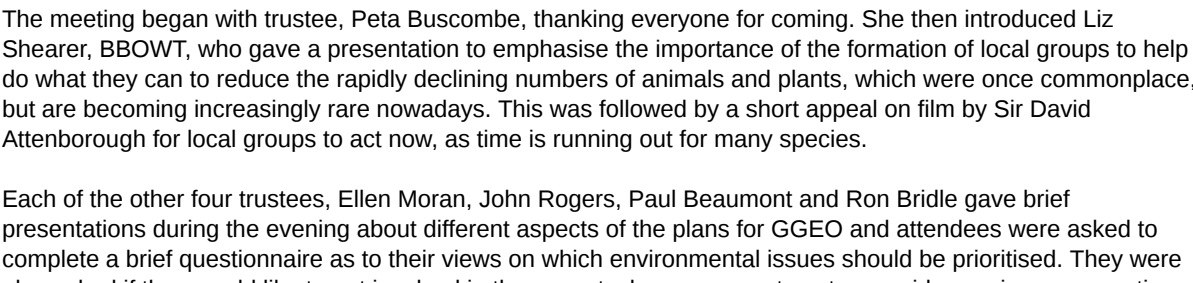
More details, including the amazing Film Fest prizes to be won, can be found at www.thegapfestival.org/film-festival.

Email filmfest@gapfestival.org to book your FREE place at the workshops.



Call for school governors – Goring C of E Primary School

Goring C of E Primary School will have a number of governor vacancies in the coming months and we are keen to recruit volunteers from the local community to fulfil this crucial role. We would welcome candidates with varied skill sets and experience, such as finance, HR and communications.



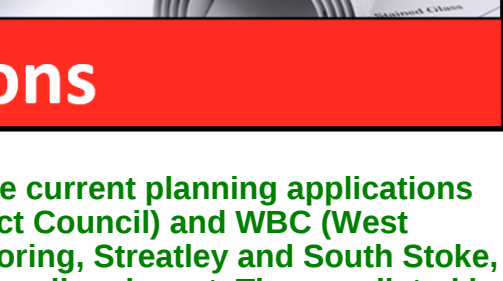
Governing bodies have a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and direction
- Holding the Senior Leadership Team to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of the staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

Further details of what being a governor involves can be found on the [Governance](#) page of the school website. If you think you may have the skills and enthusiasm to help our school deliver the best possible education for the children in our community, please contact Kerry Hughes, Chair of Governors, at governor.kerryhughes@goring.oxon.sch.uk.

Could you help out at The GAP Festival?

The GAP Festival team needs your help! They couldn't put on such an extensive and amazing Festival without the help of people like you, who join the team for a few hours to volunteer at events.



It's a great way to make new friends, support our community and enjoy some of the programme as a volunteer helper! No matter how small a contribution you can make, the Festival can use your help just for a few hours. Team up with a friend or partner and we will ensure you are placed together.

From welcoming people at the gates of events like Open Gardens, checking tickets at the entrance to shows, marshalling or guiding people and cars, to even helping out behind the bars or serving food, there are so many different ways you can be a part of the Festival.

Register your offer of help on the website www.thegapfestival.org under SUPPORT US/VOLUNTEERS or email help@gapfestival.org.

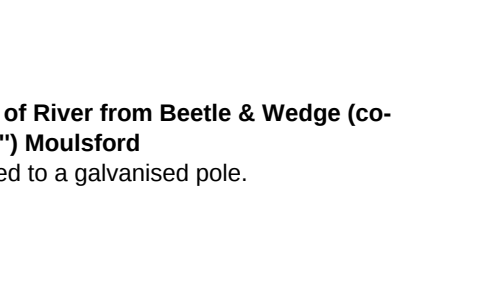
Jubilee Garden

This garden, at the entrance to the Sheepcot Field, has been created by Goring-on-Thames Parish Council as a lasting legacy to celebrate and commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022. The two grass verges have been transformed into a beautiful garden which includes planting chosen especially to celebrate the royal occasion along with trees which will contribute to the water used as needed and the maintenance will be added to GPC's annual grounds maintenance.

A special thank you to the volunteers who helped and to the neighbours, who provided coffee and tea for the workers during planting, when it was unusually cold for April!

See the April issue of the *Goring Gap News* for more details and photos and click [HERE](#) to read about the design and colour scheme.

GGEO charity launched at The Swan at Streatley



The inaugural public meeting of the new local environmental organization, GGEO, took place on 6 April at The Swan at Streatley

Around 65 people attended the meeting to hear from the trustees about their plans. There was a Q & A session afterwards when the audience asked specific questions about subjects which most interested them.

The meeting began with trustee, Peta Buscombe, thanking everyone for coming. She then introduced Liz Shearer, BBOVT, who gave a presentation to emphasise the importance of the formation of local groups to help do what they can to reduce the rapidly declining numbers of animals and plants, which were once commonplace, but are becoming increasingly rare nowadays. This was followed by a short appeal on film by Sir David Attenborough for local groups to act now, as time is running out for many species.

Each of the other four trustees, Ellen Moran, John Rogers, Paul Beaumont and Ron Bridle gave brief presentations during the evening about different aspects of the plans for GGEO and attendees were asked to complete a brief questionnaire as to their views on which environmental issues should be prioritised. They were also asked if they would like to get involved in the many tasks necessary to set up a wide-ranging conservation organisation able to increase biodiversity and develop a more resilient and sustainable environment for our current and future generations to enjoy.

As a large number of people sent in their apologies for not being able to attend due to other commitments, we have attached the questionnaire for them, and indeed for anyone else, to download and send back to provide us with as much feedback as possible. Please click [HERE](#) to download the form.

GGEO would like to thank The Swan at Streatley for use of their facilities and hospitality. Ron Bridle

Current local Planning Applications

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 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, 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 four applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and two for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: 1 Golf Cottages Rectory Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QB
Proposal: Construction of a new covered outdoor studio (5.5mx3.5m), landscaping works and addition of an open arbour.
Reference Number: 22/00778/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 21 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/COND1
Consultation Deadline: Target date: 18 May 2022

SOUTH STOKE

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 the project Ecologist received 28 March 2022)
Reference Number: P22/S1147/HJ
Consultation Deadline: 16 April 2022

Location: River Bank Opposite Side of River from Beetle & Wedge (co-ordinates 51°32'58N 1°8'44") Moulsoford
Proposal: Non illuminated ally sign fixed to a galvanised pole.
Reference Number: P22/S0957/A
Consultation Deadline: 30 April 2022

GORING

Location: 9 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY
Proposal: Ground and first floor side and rear extensions
Reference Number: P22/S1109/HJ
Consultation Deadline: 16 April 2022

Location: Dorvic Fairfield Road Goring RG8 0EX
Proposal: Variation of condition 5 (Facing Materials) in application P20/S0372/FU - demolition & replacement dwelling house.
Reference Number: P22/S1285/EJL
Consultation Deadline: 29 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

Location: Jordleys Manor Road Goring RG8 9EN
Proposal: Landfill Development Certificate - Proposed use Class E - Ancillary Buildings - Swimming Pool
Reference Number: P22/S1326/LDP
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 3 June 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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