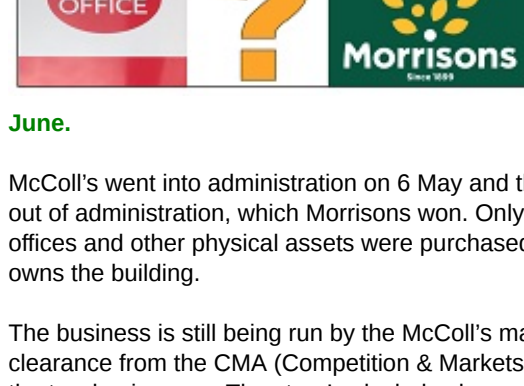


## Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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 May

**In this issue:** News about McColl's; Jubilee Lunch latest; Jubilee Events on Sheepcot Field; News from The Hub; Bus parking space required; Parish Clerk vacancy; Long Covid help; Marathon donations sought – and our latest update of new planning applications.



June.

McColl's went into administration on 6 May and there was a fierce battle between Morrisons and Asda to buy it out of administration, which Morrisons won. Only the 'assets' of the McColl's business, including their stores, offices and other physical assets were purchased. The McColl's store in Goring is leased, so the landlord still owns the building.

The business is still being run by the McColl's management team as it will take some time for Morrisons to seek clearance from the CMA (Competition & Markets Authority), after which, if successful, they will start to integrate the two businesses. The store's alcohol sales were temporarily suspended for a while, due the alcohol licence being re-applied for, but apart from the closure of the Post Office on 9 June, the store will continue under the McColl's fascia until the doors close on 4 June.

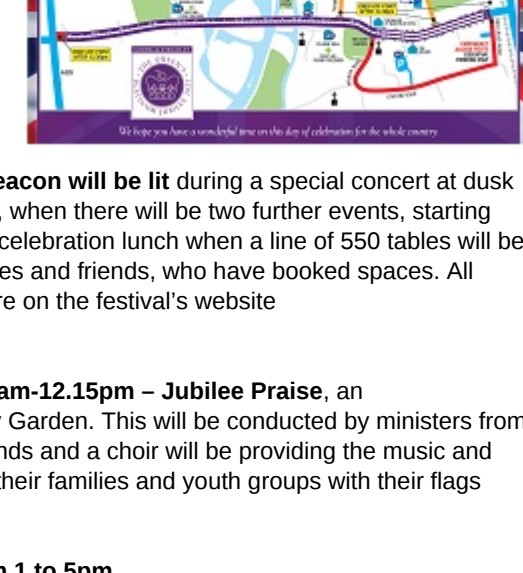
The question of the Post Office services after 9 June is still an issue, but work is going on in the background for a possible temporary mobile service somewhere in Goring. McColl's information to their customers is that the nearest alternative services are in Ipsden, Pangbourne or slightly closer, the Woodcote Mobile Service. This is located in the layby on Whitehouse Road, Woodcote, RG8 0RX (3.6miles from McColl's), but it is only open for 3 hours a week on Monday 1-3pm and Friday 1.30-2.30pm. The vehicle has an electronic tailgate to facilitate easy access for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues, but this is clearly not a good alternative to a Goring-based service of some kind. We await further information about the Post Office issue and a number of other questions, as to who, if anyone, may take over the store and when.

## Still some question marks about McColl's

There are still many question marks about what is happening with McColl's in Goring High Street. However, two things are fairly certain: 1) the in-store Post Office counter service will be 'temporarily' closing on Thursday 9 June at 5pm and 2) the whole McColl's store will close on 24 June.

## More information about Goring & Streatley 'Big Lunch' Street Party on Sunday 5 June and other Jubilee events

It will all be happening soon – lots of red, white and blue of our union flag will be appearing later on this month in Goring and Streatley to mark the start of the four-day National and Commonwealth Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for the seven decades of the reign of HM The Queen, a unique event in British history.



Goring and Streatley's three local free Jubilee events start on the evening of **Thursday 2 June**, when the **Jubilee Beacon will be lit** during a special concert at dusk in the Rectory Garden. The big day follows on **Sunday 5 June**, when there will be two further events, starting with **Jubilee Praise**, followed by a 1km-long **Street Party** and celebration lunch when a line of 550 tables will be set out for the use of over 3,500 or so residents and their families and friends, who have booked spaces. All three Jubilee events are listed in the festival programme and are on the festival's website [www.thegapfestival.org](http://www.thegapfestival.org).

**The two biggest events will be on Sunday 5 June. At 11.30am-12.15pm – Jubilee Praise**, an interdenominational family Thanksgiving Service in the Rectory Garden. This will be conducted by ministers from all three local churches and the Goring & Streatley Concert Bands and a choir will be providing the music and hymns. It will be a colourful occasion with school children with their families and youth groups with their flags making it an event for everyone to enjoy.

**The Big Jubilee Lunch and Street Party will take place from 1 to 5pm.**

At 12.30pm the road will be closed between Streatley traffic lights and Red Cross Road, Goring, near the railway bridge until 6pm. To give everyone more details of what the facilities are on the day, the Jubilee planning group has produced a PDF which is an expandable illustrated map (small version shown above), which will show full details of where the road closure points are and the positions of the tables (numbered from 1 to 550).

For the 3,500 and more people who have booked table space, this map is downloadable [HERE](#) and when you enlarge it to 200% you will be able to see all table and seat numbers and where they are located.

Notification of people's table numbers will be sent out to the people who made the bookings before the end of May, along with this pdf and other information.

More information will be available in the next Genie newsletter on 30 May and also in the next edition of *Goring Gap News* due out at the end of the month too.

By the way, although all the table space is fully booked, if you are a resident of Goring or Streatley and you haven't booked, but would like to have a seat, please put your name on the waiting list (on the GAP Festival's website), as there may be cancellations running up to the event which will need to be filled.

## Other free Jubilee Events –

**Goring-on-Thames Parish Council is arranging two free Jubilee events on the Goring Sheepcot Field**

These start with the **opening of the Jubilee Garden** (at the entrance to the Sheepcot Field) at **11am on Thursday 2 June**.

**Fun & Games will take place on the Field between 10am and 2pm on Sunday 5 June**, with a climbing wall, inflatable archery, an assault course and more.

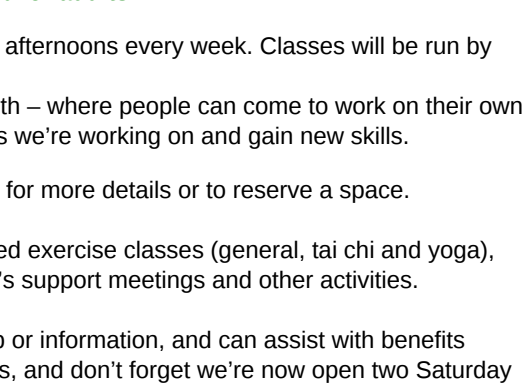
All are welcome to bring gazebos and picnics. There will be refreshments (including a bar) available for purchase.

The garden opening and **Fun & Games details are on the Parish Council website** ([www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk)) and on the flyers that will be delivered to Goring households.

All residents of Goring and Streatley and their families and friends are welcome to attend these events. (But please be aware that both the High Streets will be closed between 12.30 and 6pm on Sunday 5 June so it will not be possible to return to Streatley by car during that period.)

## Off street parking required for community minibuses

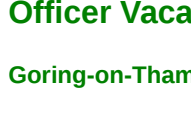
**Going Forward Buses currently has five vehicles which when not in use are parked at various locations in Goring and Moulsoford**



The Traffic Commissioner requires us to relocate one of these vehicles as it is not in a location that meets their requirements, or they will not renew our permits to operate our services, which expire in mid June.

Does anyone know of somewhere that might be suitable to park a 14 seater minibus? The bus would probably not be in regular use and may at some point in the not too distant future be put up for sale – so this could be a temporary arrangement for just a few months. Please email us at [littlebluebus@yahoo.com](mailto:littlebluebus@yahoo.com) if you have any suggestions.

Mike Ward, MD Goring Forward Buses CIC



## Q1 Foundation

## News from The Hub

**From June we have two more activities starting at The Hub for adults**

- We're adding a Strength and Balance class on Monday afternoons every week. Classes will be run by Smile with Jo.
- We're starting up our craft club on two Tuesdays a month – where people can come to work on their own crafts in company with others, or join in with the projects we're working on and gain new skills.

Please contact [info@TheHubBTG.org.uk](mailto:info@TheHubBTG.org.uk) or call 01491 525637 for more details or to reserve a space.

These activities supplement our existing coffee mornings, seated exercise classes (general, tai chi and yoga), puzzle and games club, and carers group meetings, Parkinson's support meetings and other activities.

**We also offer a signposting service** for those looking for help or information, and can assist with benefits applications, form filling etc. Please get in touch for more details, and don't forget we're now open two Saturday mornings a month.

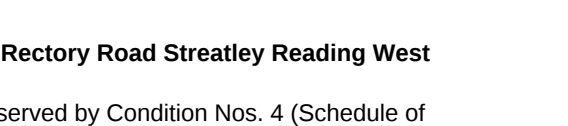
**Hard times?**  
We know the costs of living are increasingly challenging. If you're finding it hard to make ends meet, please get in touch so we can provide assistance. All enquiries are treated in strict confidence.

**If you'd like to help support our community**, you can donate to our HubGrub appeal online: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/HubGrub22>. Or you can pop our non-perishable food, toiletries, sanitary items and cleaning products into the donation box outside the Hub during our opening hours.

**Volunteers**  
We're also looking for more volunteers available to give lifts to local residents, eg bringing them to activities at The Hub on a regular or ad hoc basis. If you can help even occasionally, it would mean the world to those who you enable to get out and about and join in with our vibrant community. Please get in touch!

**Contact:** Claire Rhodes (Manager), The Hub by Q1 Foundation, 8 The Arcade, High Street, Goring RG8 9AY. 01491 525637. [info@q1foundation.org.uk](mailto:info@q1foundation.org.uk)

## Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Vacancy



**Goring-on-Thames Parish Council**  
Due to the resignation of the Parish Clerk, the Council is seeking a replacement. The details of the job description, specification, how to apply and the deadline for applications will be posted in the next few days on the Parish Council website: <https://www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk/members/vacancies/>.

The aim is to have a new Clerk appointed so there can be a handover period prior to the current Clerk's last official working day of 9 August 2022.

## citizens advice

## Help with Long Covid

**In March the Office for National Statistics reported that approximately 1.7 million people in the UK were experiencing self-reported long Covid. Over half of these had symptoms such as fatigue, loss of sense of smell and inability to breathe, for at least a year. This can have a far-reaching impact.**

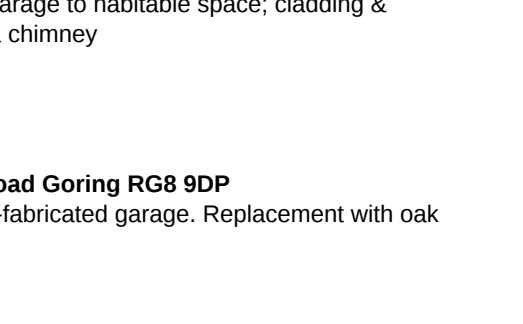
In the short term, if you are employed and ill, sick pay may be available and there is information about this on our website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) if you think you are not receiving the correct amount. If your income has dropped, an online benefit calculator will show whether you may be entitled to additional financial help, such as Universal Credit, Council Tax Reduction and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) etc. Details of how to claim benefits, including contact numbers, are on our website. An unexpected drop in income means that debts can quickly mount up and it is better to take action to manage the situation sooner rather than later. You can talk to an adviser on our Debt Helpline: 0800 240 4420. There is also a link to a webchat in the debt section of our website.

If you are being dismissed from work due to long-term illness, there is also advice about this on our website, or you can speak to an adviser by phoning Adviceline: 0808 278 7907.

There is ongoing research into long Covid as so much is still unknown, and new groups are forming to provide information and mutual support.

## Running for Human Rights

**Local resident Luke Allen is sacrificing his knees to raise money for Amnesty International**



Spurred by events in Ukraine and the horrible rise in global human rights abuses, he has signed up to run the London Marathon this October. Luke is hoping that his foolishness will catalyse £2,500 of donations from local residents. He still needs 100 people to give at least £10 at: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amnesty-international-uke-allen](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/amnesty-international-uke-allen). Together we can make a tangible difference!

## 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 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 eight applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.**

## STREATLEY

**Location:** **The Old Golf House Rectory Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9QA**  
**Proposal:** Approval of details reserved by Condition Nos. 4 (Schedule of Materials) and 7 (Ecological Supervision) of Approved Application 21/02105/FULD : Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling, ancillary garage outbuilding and associated landscaping works.  
**Reference Number:** [22/00950/COND1](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **16 May 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

None

## GORING

**Location:** **35 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY**  
**Proposal:** Installation of a heat pump  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1426/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **19 May 2022**

**Location:** **Goring & Streatley Station Goring RG8 0EP**  
**Proposal:** Removal of existing 12m Monopole and Ericsson Cabinets; replace with 20m Apollo Street pole, with 6 Antennas GPS Module, ground-based Lancaster and meter Cabinets  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1601/T28](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **Target decision date 25 May 2022**

**Location:** **Grove Farmhouse Grove Road Goring RG8 0LT**  
**Proposal:** 24 ground-mounted solar panels in two parallel rows (12m long and 1.8m deep tilted at 30 degrees) in rear paddock for domestic use by Grove Farmhouse.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1521/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **25 May 2022**

**Location:** **94 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DR**  
**Proposal:** Variation of conditions 1 & 2 (plans & materials) on P21/S0057/HH - part single/double storey extension, garage conversion, additional ground floor window. To improve the appearance and to be more in-keeping with neighbouring property  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1651/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **25 May 2022**

**Location:** **Thorpelton Elmhurst Road Goring RG8 9BN**  
**Proposal:** Conversion of detached garage to habitable space; cladding & rendering to some walls & chimney  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1657/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **27 May 2022**

**Location:** **Wey Cottage 2 Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP**  
**Proposal:** Demolition of existing pre-fabricated garage. Replacement with oak timber frame garage  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1492/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **1 June 2022**

**Location:** **Jordleys Manor Road Goring RG8 9EN**  
**Proposal:** Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed use Class E - Ancillary Buildings - Swimming Pool  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1326/LDP](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **Target decision date 3 June 2022**

**Location:** **Heathercroft Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT**  
**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 17(External Lighting) on P21/S2635/FUL - demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings; erection of three dwellings with detached garages; landscaping; new access. Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S1677/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **Target decision date 14 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**



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<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-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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