

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 June

In this issue: Free Jubilee Events latest; What's on in June, including some Festival events; Jubilee Flowers at St Thomas'; Join the Jubilee Community Choir; Jubilee Exhibition; Help Genie; Ofgem scams; Walking Festival in Streatley – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Jubilee Flowers at St Thomas' Church June 2 to 12

The St Thomas' flower arrangers are amongst the many millions who are celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Modest flower displays will be in place over the Jubilee weekend and throughout the Gap Festival. We very much hope that you will find time to visit the church, enjoy our tribute to the Queen and our small contribution to the festivities.

In amongst the displays you will find a magnificent crown, charming corgis and a view of the coronation coach driving up the Mall!

The church will be open from 10am-5pm. Please bear in mind that services and festival events will be taking place during these times. We look forward to welcoming you.



Jubilee Community Choir

It's not too late to sing with the Jubilee Community Choir.

Come to the practice on **Wednesday 1 June** from 7 to 8pm at St Thomas' Church. The two Jubilee events the choir is singing at are:

Thursday 2 June 9.30-10.30pm Rectory Gardens – Lighting the Jubilee Beacon with music by the Goring & Streatley Band (from 9.15pm) and the Jubilee Choir singing 'Song for the Commonwealth' at precisely 9.45pm.

Sunday 5 June 11.30am-12.15pm Rectory Gardens – Jubilee Praise Family Service. A joyful interdenominational Songs of Praise Service.


Queen's Platinum Jubilee Exhibition: Life in the 1950s

10 am to 5 pm, Friday 3 and Saturday 4 June, Goring Community Centre, Station Road

The bank holiday weekend is going to be very busy in Goring and throughout the Gap Festival coinciding with the Jubilee commemorations. The History Society's contribution is a fairly light-hearted look at life in general during the 1950s, together with some displays on Goring during that period and the ways in which the community has celebrated past royal occasions. Admission is free. Cleve by Goring WI have kindly agreed to provide refreshments.

The society would still welcome contributions for the exhibition, artefacts from the period, Coronation souvenirs, photos of street parties and so on. They would also welcome offers of help to set up and steward the exhibition, so if you can spare an hour or two on the Thursday (2 June) to shift furniture and put up display boards it would be much appreciated. More stewards would also help to lighten the load on the days the exhibition is open.

Contact: Janet Hurst, Secretary, Goring Gap Local History Society: 01491 871022; goringgaphistory@gmail.com.



Genie needs help!

The Genie team is very small – only 6 people. Just two people do the IT – managing the website and producing the newsletters. If one of these two could no longer work on Genie it might well have to close down.

Could you offer some help, particularly with IT? The work is done at home and in your own time – will be given a very small constraint being that *Village Matters* is usually sent out on the 16 and 30 of the month. If more people were involved in the production, which does not require website management skills, the work could be shared, making it less of a commitment for any one person.

If you think you could help please email: volunteer@genienews.org

Ofgem Scam Emails

Action Fraud has received 752 reports in four days relating to fake emails purporting to be from Ofgem

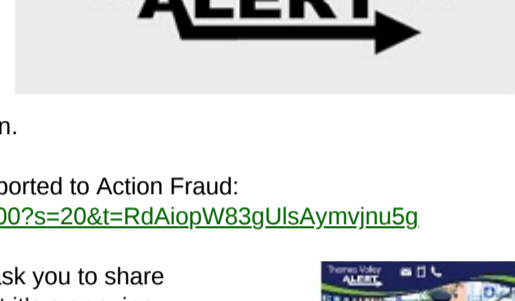

The emails state that the recipient is eligible for a rebate as a result of a newly announced government scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information.

Please view our tweet to see a screenshot of the fake emails reported to Action Fraud: <https://twitter.com/CyberProtectUK/status/1527657160596444800?s=20&t=RdAioPW83gUisAymvju5g>

Remember, your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, contact the company using details from their official website or app.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk.

For more information on how to stay secure online, please visit: www.cyberaware.gov.uk.

Streatley Included In Downs AONB Walking Festival

Streatley is included for the first time this year in the annual walking festival organised by the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

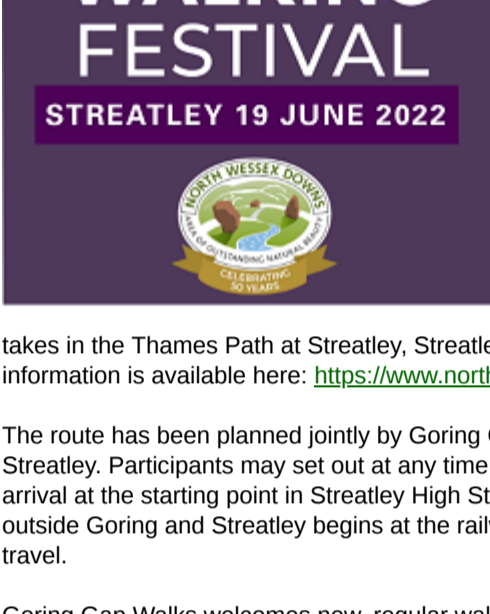
The local walk will be held on the morning of **Sunday 19 June**. There is no charge to take part but the AONB asks participants to register in advance, using this link: <https://bookwhen.com/nwdaonb/ev-ss2l-2022061910000>.

The route is designed to appeal to all people, including those who rely on a wheelchair or mobility scooter, and further information is available here: <https://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/walking-festival/goring/>.

The route has been planned jointly by Goring Gap Walk and MIGGS, the Mobility Issues Group for Goring and Streatley. Participants may set out at any time between 10.15 and 11.45am and will be given a route map on arrival at the starting point in Streatley High Street, at the junction with Church Lane. The route for visitors from outside Goring and Streatley begins at the railway station or Wheel Orchard car park, depending on mode of travel.

Goring Gap Walks welcomes new, regular walkers at all levels. MIGGS is committed to increasing leisure opportunities for people with mobility impairments.

The fully accessible railway station is increasingly seen as the gateway for disabled people to the North Wessex Downs and Chiterns AONBs and the Ridgeway and Thames Path national trails. Great Western Railway is promoting Goring and Streatley as a destination, on its website and on the new station name boards.



Jubilee Jubilation, Festival Fun and more in June

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the Genie Calendar. These include some items from the Festival.



Mon, Tue, Fri	Weekly activities at the Hub – coffee, exercise, games etc
2-12 June	The Gap Festival – multiple amazing events – details and tickets from https://www.thegapfestival.org/
2-12 June	Gap Festival free fringe live music programme https://www.thegapfestival.org/fringe-music.html
2-12 June	4.30-6.30pm Meet new people at the Village Café – board game activities – £5 including a drink, throughout the festival (not 5 June)
Thur 2 June	Opening of Jubilee Garden, Sheepcot Field 11am
	Jubilee celebrations – Lighting the Beacon 9.15-10.15pm, Rectory Garden
Fri 3 & Sat 4 June	Jubilee celebrations: Goring Gap Local History Society exhibition: Life in the 1950s. 10-5pm Goring Community Centre. WI serving refreshments!
Fri 3 June	Festival Open Gardens in Goring 12.30-5pm
Sat 4 June	Festival Market Day 10-4pm in the Rectory Garden
Sun 5 June	Jubilee celebrations open to all: •Sheepcot Fun and Games from 10am, •Family Service in the Rectory Garden 11.30am, followed by the •Big Lunch and Street Party from 1.30pm
Wed 8 June	WI Climate Change Workshop
Fri 10 June	10am-12noon Festival Teddy Bear's Picnic (byo) on the Rectory Garden for the under-5s, with games/stories from Goring Free Church
	Festival Open Gardens in Streatley 12.30-5pm
Sun 12 June	8.30-10.30am The Festival Big Breakfast in Goring Village Hall and the Rectory Garden – food and music available
Thur 16 June	Pick-a-Flick 'Saving Grace'
Sat 18 June	Goring C of E School Summer Fête 12noon-3pm
	Circle Dancing 3.15-4.45pm
Sun 19 June	Open garden – Chaddleworth, Streatley
Tues 21 June	Goring Gap Local History talk
Thur 23 June	'Camp Albion' in Aldworth (Watermill on tour)
Fri 24 June	Goring Unplugged
Sun 26 June	Cream teas at Withymead
Sat 2 July	Streatley C of E School Summer Fête

Three free Jubilee events in Goring & Streatley – Important Information

1. Lighting the Jubilee Beacon – Rectory Garden 2 June, 9.15pm

The concert with the Goring & Streatley Concert Band starts at 9.15pm and so please arrive in time to sing along with the Jubilee Choir the Song for the Commonwealth. This brand new song, commissioned for this occasion, is a special tribute to Her Majesty The Queen, and will be sung by people throughout the UK at precisely 9.45pm that evening and also in all the 54 Commonwealth countries too.

A little later on the flame of the Jubilee Beacon will 'miraculously' appear on top of St Thomas' church tower, a sight not to be missed. The event will finish at 10.15pm.

2. Jubilee Praise – Rectory Garden 5 June, 11.30am


This is another special event and is an inter-denominational thanksgiving service for all the family. It will be a wonderful start to the day and another chance to sing along with the choir.

3. The BIG LUNCH Street Party – 5 June, 1.00 for 1.30pm

Both Goring and Streatley High Streets and the bridge between will be closed at 12.30pm ready for the 550 tables to be set out from Streatley traffic lights to Red Cross Road by Goring railway bridge, then doubling back to Manor Road. Open or download the Table Plan and where the other road closures are and all the facilities [HERE](#). Please note, you may need to enlarge the pdf map up to 200% to read the table numbers.

Important – more spaces available – A number of the 3,520 people who had booked their free spaces at the event have now released some of them – so if you haven't yet booked or there were no spaces available when you last tried, please try again – **go to the website** www.thegapfestival.org.

See you all there on Sunday – and the weather is looking promising this time around!



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 seven applications for Goring, one for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Littledown Rectory Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9LE

Proposal: Installation of a garden room to use as a home office and gym.

Reference Number: [P22/S1920/HOUSE](#)

Consultation Deadline: 17 June 2022

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

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: Spring Hill 70 Wallingford Rd Goring RG8 0HN

Proposal: Single storey rear extension

Reference Number: [P22/S1813/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 9 June 2022

Location: Ridgeway Rise Goring RG8 0JY

Proposal: Erection of a detached two-storey house and detached garage

Reference Number: [P22/S0924/FUL](#)

Consultation Deadline: 12 June 2022

Location: Heathercroft Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT

Proposal: 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

Location: 36 Springhill Road, Goring RG8 9DY

Proposal: Single storey front extension to create entrance hall

Reference Number: [P22/S1920/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 18 June 2022

Location: 1 Grange Close Goring RG8 9DY

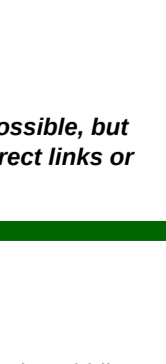
Proposal: Installation of a 15-panel solar PV system to the front/south facing roof pitch of property

Reference Number: [P22/S1848/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: 24 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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