

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 July

In this issue: Road closure; Goring Parish Council vote; Race through Goring & Streatley; What's on in July; Streatley Primary School vacancy; Save our Swifts Campaign – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Road Closure – B4526 Reading Road, Goring

Thursday 30 June 05.00 to Sunday 3 July 20.00

Weather permitting, the road will be closed during this period and a diversion will be in place.

The closure will be between Fairfield Road, Goring and the Goring Heath crossroads.

It is not clear exactly how much of the road will be closed and what access will be maintained, but it will not be possible to drive to Reading on the B4526 without using the diversion.



Goring-on-Thames Parish Councillor Election

Thursday 14 July 7am-10pm

Owing to the recent resignation of three of the parish councillors for Goring, an election for three new councillors will take place on 14 July.

You can find the links to the Notice of Election and the Statement of Persons Nominated [HERE](#).

What's on in July

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council election for 3 councillors – for more detail see 14 July on the [Genie Calendar](#)



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

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

- Mon, Tues, Fri Weekly activities at The Hub – coffee, exercise, games etc
- Mon, Thur 8-10am Mobile weekly post office outside Westholme Stores
- Sat 2 July 11.30am-2.30pm Streatley Primary School summer fête
- Tues 5 July 10.30am Craft group at the Hub
- Wed 6 July 7.45pm Village Greenfingers: Pests, diseases and disorders
- Fri 8 July 7pm Goring Community Jazz Club
- Sat 9 July 10.30am Community coffee morning at the Hub
- Sun 10 July 7pm Simon Mayer and Hilary James in concert in Cholsey
- Wed 13 July 7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI Furoshiki (Japanese fabric present wrapping)
- 10.30-11 am Little Lights at St Mary's, Streatley
- Thurs 14 July 7am-10pm VOTE for three new Goring-on-Thames parish councillors
- Sun 17 July 3pm Piano recital by Janet Pound
- Mon 18 July 10am-12noon GFC Ukraine support drop-in café.
- 7.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society AGM
- Thur 21 July 10.30am Pick-a-Flick 'The Titfield Thunderbolt'
- Tues 26 July 8pm Morrell Room AGM
- Sun 31 July 2-5pm Withymead Nature Reserve cream teas



Streatley C of E Primary School is seeking a new Clerk to Governors

Starting September 2022. 4 hours per week (plus additional hours if required), term time only.

Grade E7 FTE £20,444 – E12 FTE £22,571. (E7 £1,865 – E12 £2,059 actual salary per annum, depending on experience)

The person appointed will work closely with the Chair of Governors, Headteacher and other Governors to ensure that all paperwork for School Governance are appropriately maintained and carried out.

Please see this [LINK](#) for the full advertisement and links to the Support Staff application form and further information.

Streatley C of E Primary School, The Coombe, Streatley, Reading RG8 9QL. Tel: 01491 872399. Email: office@sps.w-berks.sch.uk. Website: www.streatleyprimary.co.uk.

Race to the Stones

This race will be passing through Goring and Streatley on Saturday 9 July 2022

The runners will come along Thames Road, Goring, turn right into the High Street and go over the bridge into Streatley. They will continue to the traffic lights where they will turn right. They will then turn left up Wantage Road and turn left again along Rectory Road to join the Ridgeway towards Aldworth.



All participants will be passing along the route in small groups so should not cause any inconvenience – however, please be aware that during this weekend there will be an increase in foot traffic on the trail.

For a route map (which can be magnified) see this [LINK](#): <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36417656>

For further details see: <https://www.thresholdtrailseries.com/events/race-to-the-stones/>. (Although this page is dated for July 2023 it is exactly the same route.)



Do you know of any swifts nesting locally?

Swifts (Apus apus) are in sharp decline with almost 60% of them lost in the UK in the past 20-25 years and they need our help.

They are now on the Red List of endangered species. They are very special birds as they spend most of their life airborne and generally only land to nest. A young swift born here will fly off to Africa and probably not land, even for a moment, for several years until it's old enough return to create the next generation. Swifts pair for life and do everything else in the air – feeding, drinking, mating, sleeping and they can fly several millions of miles

in their lifetime and have been recorded at speeds of close to 70mph. There are national efforts to help with their recovery and we would like to play our part here in the Goring Gap. In order to identify how many swifts are nesting now and establish a baseline, we would like to hear from anyone who has observed swifts entering or leaving any cavities, crevices or under the eaves of mainly older buildings and churches etc.

After a long flight back from Africa, swifts return to the same location each year to renovate their nests before laying their eggs, but as more old buildings are renovated and gaps in the tiles, walls and soffits are closed up, existing swift nest sites are being lost. We would like to find out how many pairs we have in the area and develop a project to make nest boxes, specially designed for swifts, and place them in suitable locations to reverse the decline in these amazing birds. GGEO will announce this nest box project in due course, which will include making boxes for other endangered species too. Until our website is launched, for more information on swifts, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

Please report any nest sightings to GGEO (Goring Gap Environmental Organisation) by email to GGEO.CIO@outlook.com or call Ron Bridle on 07789 871620. Thank you.



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 three applications for Goring, three for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Street Record 1 Vicarage Lane Streatley Reading West Berkshire
Proposal: The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - BT intends to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.

Reference Number: 22/01571/TELE28
Consultation Deadline: Target Date: 27 July 2022

Location: Street Record 3 Vicarage Lane Streatley Reading West Berkshire
Proposal: The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - BT intends to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.

Reference Number: 22/01573/TELE28
Consultation Deadline: Target Date: 27 July 2022

Location: Street Record 2 Vicarage Lane Streatley Reading West Berkshire
Proposal: The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - BT intends to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.

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SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

Location: 7 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 3 (Surface water), 4 (Foul water), 5 (Boundary treatments) & 6 (Landscaping) in P21/S2821/FUL -erection of new dwelling on land adjacent Not subject to public consultation

Reference Number: P22/S2073/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 11 July 2022

Location: The Old Farmhouse Station Road Goring RG8 9HD
Proposal: Replacement conservatory and kitchen extension, alterations to outbuilding and ground floor

Reference Number: P22/S2251/HH
Consultation Deadline: 20 July 2022

Location: The Old Farmhouse Station Road Goring RG8 9HD
Proposal: Replacement conservatory and kitchen extension, alterations to outbuilding and ground floor (Listed Building consent)

Reference Number: P22/S2253/LB
Consultation Deadline: 20 July 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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