

**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 November

In this issue: Old McColls; Roman History Day; Rail Strikes; Events coming up; Artists' Workshop; Pre-payment meters; Hub news; Crime Report; Thames Valley police statistics; Green Rubbish collection – and our latest update of new planning applications.



**New food & wine store in Goring High Street to open in a few weeks**

The old McColls store will be renamed 'Goring Food & Wine' and is currently undergoing extensive refitting in preparation for opening later this month. The new management team, Harry and Vish, say depending on how the renovations go, they expect to open around mid-November.

The re-introduction of the Post Office counter service is planned and the store is currently awaiting discussions with the P.O. about the return of this important community facility.

Newspapers, an extensive range of soft drinks, wines, food and household essentials will be stocked. Changes to the frontage are also being considered in due course.

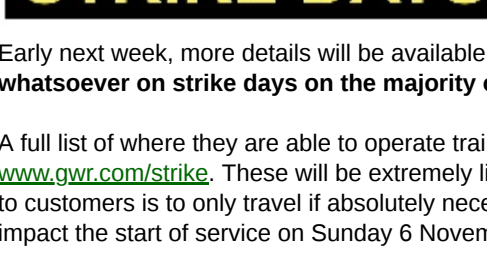
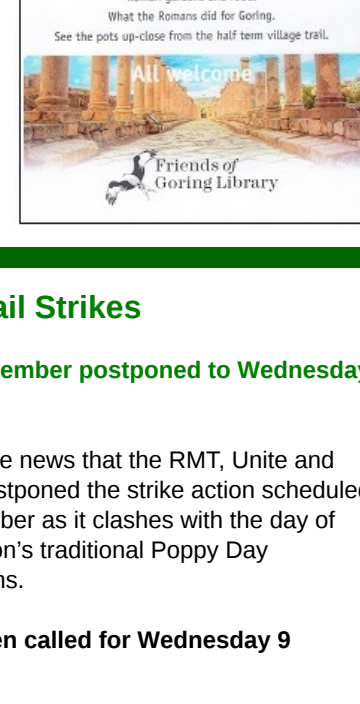
**Roman History Family Day**

Goring Library 5 November 10-1 and 2-4

Find out about:

- Old objects found in your garden – bring them to be identified by Dr Ed Caswell, Finds Officer for OCC
- The Roman villa at Gatehampton
- Roman gardens and food
- What the Romans did for Goring

All welcome!



**Forthcoming Rail Strikes**

Strikes due on 3 November postponed to Wednesday 9 November

You may have seen the news that the RMT, Unite and TSSA unions have postponed the strike action scheduled for Thursday 3 November as it clashes with the day of the Royal British Legion's traditional Poppy Day collection at rail stations.

Strike action has been called for Wednesday 9 November instead.

This means that strikes will now take place on Saturday 5, Monday 7, and Wednesday 9 November, and services will operate normally on Thursday 3 November.

Early next week, more details will be available on the impact of the strikes but there will be no service whatsoever on strike days on the majority of the GWR network.

A full list of where they are able to operate trains each day is available on their dedicated strike page: [www.gwr.com/strike](http://www.gwr.com/strike). These will be extremely limited and will start later and finish much earlier than usual. Advice to customers is to only travel if absolutely necessary and make alternative arrangements. The strikes will also impact the start of service on Sunday 6 November, Tuesday 8 November and Thursday 10 November and no rail replacement services will run throughout.

Journey planners will be updated as soon as possible with the revised timetables in areas where services are running. Specific timetable information for each day will be available on [www.gwr.com/strike](http://www.gwr.com/strike), along with information on refunds and use of tickets on alternative dates.

**Artists' Workshop, Saturday 12 November 2-5pm**

Run by local artist Jane Dipple to produce an artistic response to the picture by Anna Dillon and Roman artefacts currently on show in Goring Library (until 25 November) this will be in the Canterbury Room, St Thomas' Church, Goring



Free – but you must book onto the workshop at the library.

Please go into the library to see the artefacts, the marvellous painting and display boards and get inspired, or take your sketchpad, easel, camera or pen and paper to Lowbury Hill itself!

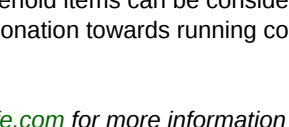
The library would love to see your response and to display it in an exhibition either in the library or at a specific event in the village in early February next year. Deadline for submission is 31 January 2023. You can see more information [HERE](#).

Workshop participants will be able to use a range of mixed media to create either their own individual works of art, or take part in large collaborative artworks. Stencils, printing, painting, and collage will all be available to create semi abstracted designs.

No experience is necessary, just an open mind and a passion for creativity!



**Reminders about Events featured in the Genie Calendar**



**Henley and District Stamp Club**

Visitors and new members are welcome. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Bix Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

November meetings: **Wednesday 9 November** – 'The Franking System of Great Britain' by Guest speaker Bob Garland. **Wednesday 23 November** – A display of 'Aspect of Gibraltar' by guest speaker Eric Holmes.

Further details can be obtained by phoning Brian on 01491 681739 or on their website: [www.henleyphilatelc.org.uk](http://www.henleyphilatelc.org.uk)

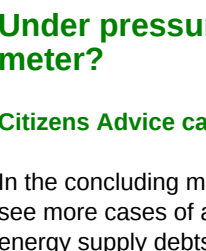


**New Course running at Goring Free Church**

'Hope is what keeps us alive'. Over three sessions, this course seeks to show how Christianity infuses life with the hope, peace and purpose we all long for.

It will run on three consecutive Thursday evenings from 7.30pm at Goring Free Church, starting on **Thursday 10 November**.

For more information or to book your place, please contact: [nigel@goringfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:nigel@goringfreechurch.org.uk)

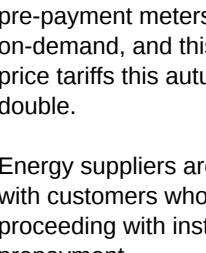


**Cholsley Repair Café**

The last Cholsley Repair Café of 2022 will be held at the Cholsley Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsley, on **Saturday 19 November**, from 11.00 to 13.45.

All manner of broken household items can be considered, except large appliances. Volunteers ask only for a donation towards running costs, plus any spare parts required.

See [www.cholsleyrepaircafe.com](http://www.cholsleyrepaircafe.com) for more information or email [repaircafe@cholsley.com](mailto:repaircafe@cholsley.com)

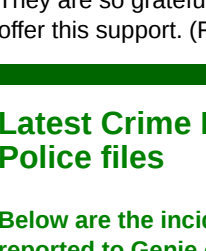


**Concert by Papagena**

The renowned female voice group will be performing at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Goring, with harpist Victoria Davies on **Saturday 26 November** at 4pm.

Their concert, entitled 'A Winter's Dawn', will include Advent and Christmas carols, winter lullabies, harp solos and songs of hope in a programme ranging from medieval music through to folk and contemporary ballads.

Tickets cost £15 (£12 for under 21s and students) and are available in advance from [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com) or email [info@papagena.co.uk](mailto:info@papagena.co.uk), and on the door. For further information visit [www.papagena.co.uk](http://www.papagena.co.uk).



**Goring Craft Fair**

**Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November 2022, 10am-4pm.**

This will be hosted by Goring Primary School PTA, to whom all proceeds from the entry fee (£2 adults), the kitchen and the raffle will go.

Homemade refreshments including soups, quiches and cakes, will be available all day. Most of the goods sold on the stalls will be genuine handmade items and there will be a fantastic raffle.

For more information, please visit [www.goringcraftfair.co.uk](http://www.goringcraftfair.co.uk)

**Under the Green to use an energy pre-payment meter?**

**Citizens Advice can help**



In the concluding months of 2022, Citizens Advice is expecting to see more cases of a disturbing trend: low-income families with energy supply debts being pressured or even coerced into using pre-payment meters for their gas and electricity. Energy supplied by pre-payment meters costs more than energy paid by direct debit or on-demand, and this comes at a time when drastically increased price tariffs this autumn will probably see most people's fuel bills double.

Energy suppliers are legally obliged to negotiate repayment plans with customers who are falling behind on their bills, but many suppliers are ignoring this requirement and proceeding with installing pre-payment meters – or, for customers with smart meters, remotely switching them to prepayment.

If you are one of the many people who are confronting this problem, or are generally floundering amidst your finances, worried about the future, or want to discuss your options in confidence, get in touch with Citizens Advice on Adviceline 0800 278 7907. You can also telephone the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0800 223 1133 or the Citizens Advice Debt Helpline on 0800 240 4420. Their website has lots of helpful information: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>



**News from the Hub**

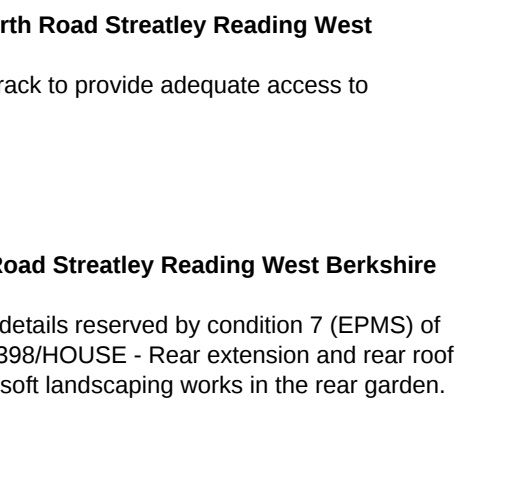
Times are tough – if you are struggling financially, please do reach out to The Hub in confidence and they can help you check if you're receiving all benefits or other support you're entitled to, and see if there's other help available for you.

Or if you or a family member need information about, or help with, someone needing care, or if you're new to the area, pop in for information and support. These are just a few of the ways The Hub supports our community – contact them to find out more about their range of support.

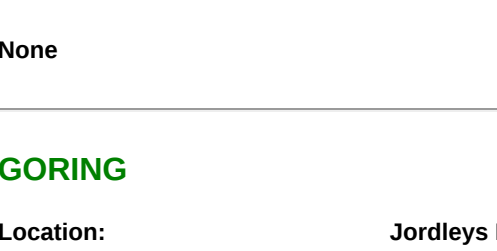
They are so grateful to everyone who has supported their 'Just 17' appeal so far, to ensure they can continue to offer this support. (For details see [www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheHubJust17](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheHubJust17))

**Latest Crime Incidents in Goring on Police files**

Below are the incidents in Goring and locality reported to Genie on 27 October by the Thames Valley Police (Henley Neighbourhood Team)



29 September	Public Order: Lorry blocking Red Cross Road
29 September	Dangerous dog: Goring Arcade
14 October	Theft of vehicle: Manor Road (later recovered)
14 October	Criminal damage: Catherine Wheel PH, Paint drawn on wall
22 October	Concern for safety: Drunk male in Thames Road



**Thames Valley Police releases half-year statistics on contact with the public**

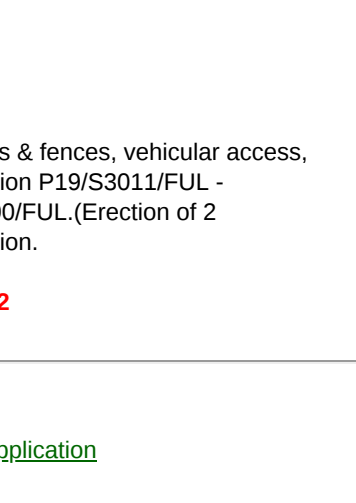
As part of Thames Valley Police's commitment to give the public an insight into its work, the force has just (on 28 October) released statistics on its activity in Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire over the six months 1 April to 30 September 2022.

This period saw the force undertake one of its largest and most significant operations in its history, with more than 2,500 police officers and staff policing the committal service in Windsor of Her Majesty The Queen. Over the six months, the force policed high-profile Thames Valley events including Royal Ascot, Henley Regatta and Reading Festival.

For details of almost half a million contacts during this period, the statistics can be found [HERE](#).  
Information provided by Emma Tarry, Police Communications Officer, Thames Valley Force.

**Extra Green Rubbish collection Week – Goring**

During the week beginning 31 October the equivalent of an extra brown bin-full of garden rubbish will be collected from residents who pay for a brown bin in Goring.



This is the information from South Oxfordshire District Council:

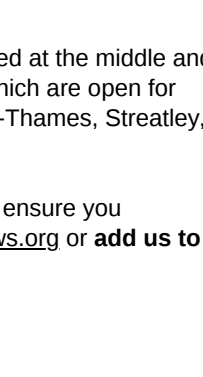
We collect the equivalent of one extra bin's worth in one in Spring and in Autumn. Extra green rubbish can be put out in boxes or other containers alongside your bins. Please note that SODC takes no responsibility for the containers you use, so you are advised to put out cardboard boxes or bin liners.

If you live in another South Oxfordshire village you can find out about your rubbish collection by going to the Binzone pages [HERE](#).

**Local Parish Councils**

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and further useful general information.

- [Goring-on-Thames PC;](#)
- [Streatley PC;](#)
- [South Stoke PC](#)



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

**STREATLEY**

**Location:** Kiddington House Aldworth Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9RE  
**Proposal:** Surface dressing existing track to provide adequate access to residential property.  
**Reference Number:** 22/02408/FUL  
**Consultation Deadline:** 4 November 2022

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**Location:** The Brambles Wantage Road Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9LD  
**Proposal:** Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 (EPMS) of planning permission 21/01398/HOUSE - Rear extension and rear roof modification with hard and soft landscaping works in the rear garden.  
**Reference Number:** 22/02524/CON  
**Consultation Deadline:** 11 November 2022

**SOUTH STOKE**

None

**GORING**

**Location:** Jordleys Manor Road Goring RG8 9EN  
**Proposal:** First floor extension as approval P21/S2025/HH  
**Reference Number:** P22/S3707/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 8 November 2022

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**Location:** Waterfield Cottage Manor Rd. Goring RG8 9EN  
**Proposal:** Construction of driveway to serve dwelling, and associated change of use of land (retrospective)  
**Reference Number:** P22/S3722/FUL  
**Consultation Deadline:** 18 November 2022

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**Location:** 4 Lycroft Close Goring RG8 0AT  
**Proposal:** First floor extension over existing garage; demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension; enlarged front porch and updating of existing lean-to (south elevation)  
**Reference Number:** P22/S3841/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 18 November 2022

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**Location:** 3 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions on boundary walls & fences, additional access, car parking & external lighting on application P19/S3011/FUL - Variation of Approved Plans on P18/S2900/FUL (Erection of 2 dwellings). Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** P22/S3692/DIS  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 25 November 2022

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>

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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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