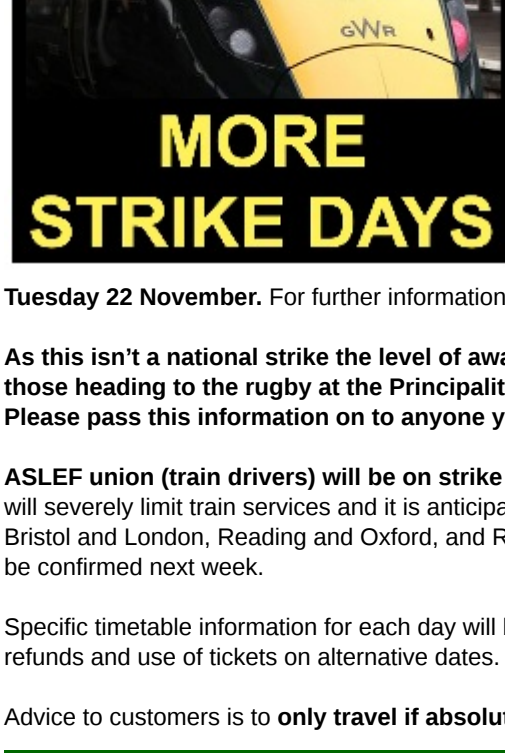


Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter
 Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 November

In this issue: Rail Strikes; 20 mph consultation; Events; Late night shopping; Library news; Concert Band; PO bus longer hours; Free parking; 2 job vacancies – and our latest update of new planning applications.



Further Rail Strikes
Saturday 19, Monday 21 and Saturday 26 November

On both **Saturday 19 and Monday 21 November**, RMT members at Network Rail's signalling centre near **Didcot Parkway will be on strike**. This is regarding a local disciplinary matter and unrelated to the other strikes that have taken place this year.

As this is a crucial part of the network controlling all signalling between London Paddington, the Cotswolds, south Wales, west and south west of England, only a reduced number of services will be run and those in the affected area will start much later and finish much earlier than usual. The train schedule is currently being confirmed and will be in online systems later this week. As with previous strikes, **there will be a knock-on impact for the days after strikes, on Sunday 20 and Tuesday 22 November**. For further information please see www.gwr.com/strike.

As this isn't a national strike the level of awareness isn't high, but will affect many passengers including those heading to the rugby at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff and Twickenham Stadium in London. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may be affected.

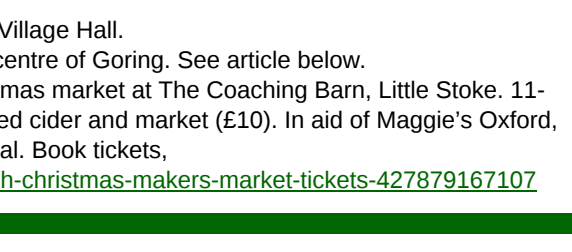
ASLEF union (train drivers) will be on strike on **Saturday 26 November**. As with previous ASLEF action, this will severely limit train services and it is anticipated that only a very limited service will be operated between Bristol and London, Reading and Oxford, and Reading and Basingstoke. Exact details of the train schedule will be confirmed next week.

Specific timetable information for each day will be available on www.gwr.com/strike, along with information on refunds and use of tickets on alternative dates.

Advice to customers is to **only travel if absolutely necessary** and make alternative arrangements.

Coming up in the next couple of weeks

See the [Genie Calendar](#) for further details and more events



Drama

- **17-19 November**. Woodcote Amateur Dramatic Society (WADS) present *The WI Blues*, a comedy by John Peel. Tickets £10/£8 from 07956 136 750 or www.woodcotedrama.co.uk
- **24-26 November**. Goring Gap Players present two one-act plays – Noel Coward's *Still Life* and Alan Ayckbourn's *Gosforth's Fête*. Tickets £12 from Inspiration or 01491 873530 or <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=33319&>

Concerts

- **18 November**. Goring Unplugged. Acoustic performances in Goring Village Hall. 7.30pm doors open, 8pm music. Bring your own drinks/openers/glasses ... and any food you may want to eat during the evening. The price is £5, be it a note or via a card!
- **26 November**. Papagena, a female voice a cappella ensemble, perform a wide-ranging programme. 4pm in St Thomas'. Tickets £15 from 01235 850488 <https://www.wegotickets.com/event/557305>.
- **26 November**. Langtree Sinfonia Concert. 7pm Wallingford St Mary le More.
- **1 December**. Roy Bailey Big Band, Music from the Movies. 7.45pm Goring Village Hall – Sold out.

Other events

- **26-27 November**. Goring Craft Fair 10-4pm in Goring Village Hall.
- **2 December**. Goring Christmas Evening 4-8pm in the centre of Goring. See article below.
- **2 December**. Maggie's Kitchen Table Lunch and Christmas market at The Coaching Barn, Little Stoke. 11-3.30pm lunch and market (£20), 3.30-8pm mince pie/mulled cider and market (£10). In aid of Maggie's Oxford, offering support for cancer patients at the Churchill Hospital. Book tickets, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maggies-kitchen-table-lunch-christmas-makers-market-tickets-427879167107>



Consultation on 20 mph Speed Limit in Goring
Deadline for completing the survey is 2 December

Oxfordshire County Council, as highway authority, is conducting a formal public consultation on its proposal to implement a 20mph speed limit on most roads in Goring. The only exceptions are (1) Elvendon Road east of the junction with Clevee Down, (2) Icknield Road past the crest of the hill, after the last house, (3) Wallingford Road north of the last house on the railway side, in the direction of Crowmarsh. (4) Reading Road east of Whitehills Green, (5) Fairfield Road and (6) Gatehampton Road from where the existing 30mph limit ends. It incorporates all of the existing 20mph limit area.

To have your say on whether or not you support the introduction of the speed limit, please click this link: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/goring_20mph2022 and click on Complete Form at the bottom of the page.

To comment you must register with OCC (via the link above) and state your nearest town (Wallingford, for Goring residents) but no personal details will be published when the result of the consultation is announced. The closing date is 2 December 2022. If approved the new limit would be introduced between April 2023 and March 2024.

To read the official notices please click the relevant links: [Public Notice](#), [Draft Order](#), [Statement of Reasons](#).

For full details of streets covered by the proposed speed limit, click this link: <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/20175/widgets/57161/documents/33404> The link opens a very large PDF and it may take a few seconds to download.

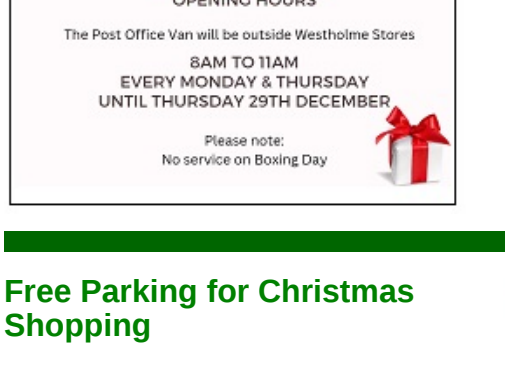
The annual Goring Christmas Late Night Shopping Event
Friday 2 December, 4pm to 8pm



There are still some spaces for new stall holders in and around the Arcade, so if you have a product, service or an organisation you would like the community to know about, this event will be the time to make an appearance. For more information or to book a space, please get in touch with Jeanne or Kevin at Inspiration on 01491 873019.

HOG ROAST FATHER CHRISTMAS PUNCH & JUDDY, CRAFT STALLS, FIRE ENGINE & LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Father Christmas will be welcoming the children and Punch & Judy will be making appearances to entertain everyone. Most of the shops will be open until 8pm and there will be plenty of interesting stalls in the Arcade, along with a delicious hog roast. The library will be offering story telling and cookie decorating for children. Also, our local firefighters will be around to show children the fire engine. So, whatever the weather, it will be a good evening out for all the family.



Goring Library News

Advent Window Trail – More Windows needed!

Do you have a window facing the street which you would like to decorate for advent? Please help if you can. The windows are such a lovely thing to bring warmth and colour to our increasingly dark evenings and add something really special to Christmas in Goring and Streatley.

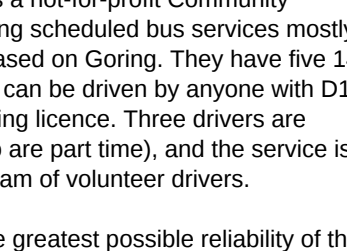
There are 24 days to fill and so far not many have been chosen. The theme this year is Christmas Carols. You can choose your Carol – whatever you find inspiring. You need to pick up your advent 'number' from the library, together with more details.

There are also snowmen patterns in the library if you'd like to knit one – they can also be crocheted/ sewn/ made of felt, whatever you feel comfortable working with.

Story Time on Thursday mornings – there is room for more pre-school children and their parents/carers to come and listen to stories. Please do come along on Thursdays 10-10.30am during term time.

Roman Display continues until 24 November.

Goring and Streatley Concert Band, Christmas Concert



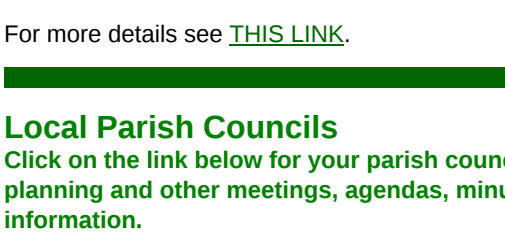
St Thomas' Church, Goring, 7.30pm on Saturday 3 December

This will include music by Irving Berlin, Gershwin, Handel and Vaughan Williams, plus world premieres of two new pieces and a selection of Christmas favourites and carols.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 St Thomas of Canterbury Church
 Goring on Thames
 Saturday 3 December
 7.30 pm

Tickets £12/ £6 (child) at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BVYA>, or at the door, or email secretary.gscb@btinternet.com.

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Post Office Van Hours

The post office van outside Jack's Westholme Stores in Wallingford Road is now open for extended hours, from **8am to 11am** every Monday and Thursday during the festive period, until 29 December. (Note: no service on Boxing Day).

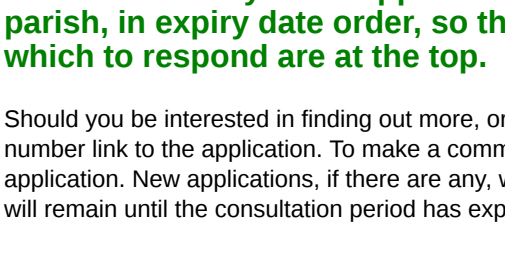
Free Parking for Christmas Shopping

South Oxfordshire District Council have agreed the dates for free Saturday parking in Goring in the lead up to Christmas.



These will be Saturdays **10.17 & 24 December 2022** at the Wheel Orchard car park.

Listening Learning Leading



Going Forward Buses

Logistics Officer (part time) required

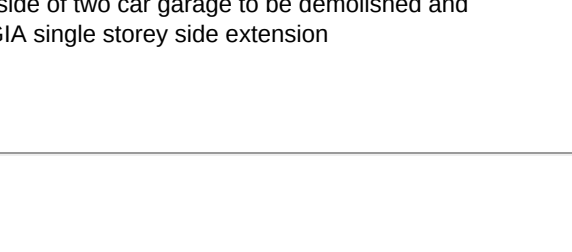
Purpose of Job: To facilitate the day to day running of the buses, ensuring the greatest possible reliability of the service.

Going Forward Buses is a not-for-profit Community Interest Group running scheduled bus services mostly in South Oxfordshire, based on Goring. They have five 14 seater minibuses which can be driven by anyone with D1 entitlement on their driving licence. Three drivers are currently employed (two are part time), and the service is backed up by a small team of volunteer drivers.

For salary and full details please see this [LINK](#).

Connecting Communities in Berkshire

Project Development Officer position



Connecting Communities in Berkshire (CCB) is an independent charity that has been focused on developing strong communities in Berkshire for nearly 50 years. They are looking for the next member of their highly committed team.

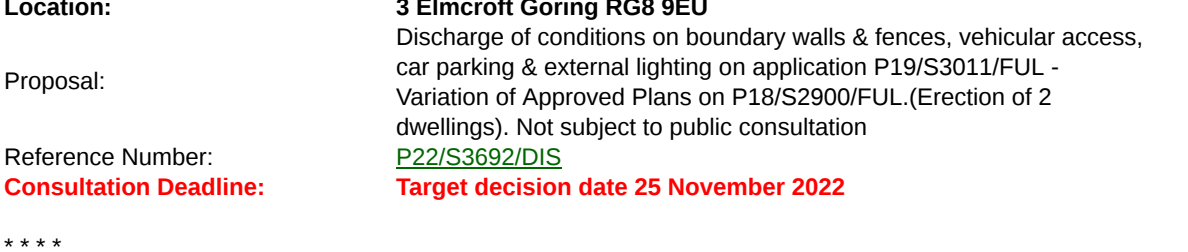
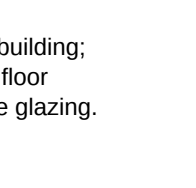
Helping Berkshire communities thrive

The role offers flexible working: a part-time role of 17.5 hours per week, a salary of £24k to £28k pro-rata and the opportunity to steer the development of the role.

For more details see [THIS LINK](#).

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 seven applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY	
Location:	4 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JE
Proposal:	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 8 (CMS) of approved 22/00286/HOUSE - New entrance. Attic level link roof with accommodation.
Reference Number:	P22/S3721/FUL
Consultation Deadline:	1 December 2022

Location:	The Beeches Streatley Reading RG8 9SU
Proposal:	Existing shed to the side of two car garage to be demolished and placed with 30sqm GIA single storey side extension
Reference Number:	P22/S3812/CERTP
Determination Deadline:	9 January 2023

SOUTH STOKE	
Location:	Ashmount House Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL
Proposal:	To vary conditions(s) 2 (Approved plans) and condition 3 (Materials) under application reference number P21/S5185/HH to alter the roof material on the Pool house to slate (to match the house) & allow for solar PV panels to be incorporated into the south facing roof slope, which faces the garden and to allow for amended plans to be accepted so the roof material of the pool house can be altered to slate. (Demolition of existing double garage & replacement with pool house and outdoor swimming pool to the rear.)
Reference Number:	P22/S4041/S73
Consultation Deadline:	1 December 2022

GORING	
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

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

Location:	The Elms Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT
Proposal:	New infill side extension & replacement of current store building; replace garage with carport; addition of rooflights to first floor bathrooms; upgrading fenestrations throughout to double glazing.
Reference Number:	P22/S3916/HH
Consultation Deadline:	22 November 2022

Location:	3 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU
Proposal:	Demolition of conditions on boundary walls & fences, vehicular 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

Location:	1 Brewery Cottages High St Goring RG8 9AR
Proposal:	Addition of new oak timber framed enclosed porch to rear elevation. Listed Building consent.
Reference Number:	P22/S3898/LB
Consultation Deadline:	30 November 2022

Location:	1 Brewery Cottages High St Goring RG8 9AR
Proposal:	Addition of new oak timber framed enclosed porch to rear elevation
Reference Number:	P22/S3925/HH
Consultation Deadline:	30 November 2022

Location:	The Spinney Manor Road Goring RG8 9ED
Proposal:	Retrospective consent for single storey rear extension to new conservatory & general fenestration alterations
Reference Number:	P22/S3987/HH
Consultation Deadline:	5 December 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>

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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