

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 January 2023

In this issue: more rail strikes; recycle Xmas trees; warm space in Goring; stamp club; Cholsey Repair Café; low-cost broadband – and our latest update of new planning applications.

We wish all our readers



Upcoming Rail Strikes

There will be strikes from 3 to 7 January

ASLEF (train drivers) will be going on strike on **Thursday 5 January, in addition to the RMT strike days on Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Friday 6 and Saturday 7 January.**

On strike days, only an extremely reduced service will operate on a limited number of routes. Some parts of the GWR network will have no service at all. Services will start later (07:30) and all journeys must be completed by 18:30. The day after the strikes (Sunday 8 January) will also be affected. Trains will start later and there could be short-notice cancellations and alterations.

Online journey planners are being updated with the latest timetable information, please see the [passenger information table](#) for details. Check your journey before travelling, especially if relying on last trains of the day.

On the days affected, passengers are advised to find an alternative way to travel. Where services are running, customers should only travel by train if absolutely necessary, and it is highly recommended that a seat reservation is made. Other train operators are also affected by this action, so onward travel could also be affected.

Any services that are running are expected to be extremely busy and there will be no bus replacement services. For further information see <https://www.gwr.com/strike>.

Old Christmas Tree collection in Goring

There will be collection points for Christmas trees again this season. They will be at the Gardiner Recreation Ground and the Rectory Garden.

Trees can be dropped off up to **Thursday 12 January**, ready for pick-up on Friday 13 January 2023.



Warm Space

Ben Phillips, Vicar of Goring and Streatley with South Stoke writes:

In response to the fear that people may not be able to keep their homes warm enough, and to offer the opportunity for friendship and support, we are proposing to turn up the thermostat in the Canterbury Room attached to St Thomas' Church, Goring on **Monday mornings from 9 January** and to be open from 10am till noon, offering tea, coffee and toast and a warm space.

Do feel free to come along and enjoy the shared warmth.

Henley and District Stamp Club

Christmas is over and we are now heading into the New Year full of new optimism



To learn more about stamps and postal history why not visit the Club at Bix one Wednesday evening? You can then meet people who find postal history and the story of stamps fascinating too. January and February meetings are on:

- Wednesday 11 January – Member will display material of their choice
- Wednesday 25 January – Members will display a selection of their Postcards
- Wednesday 8 February – A guest speaker to show aspects of 'Tasmania'
- Wednesday 22 February – Pre-view evening for the auction on 8 March evening

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

Further details can be obtained by phoning Brian on 01491 681739 or on the website: - www.henleypostalclub.org.uk.

Repair more in 2023!

Cholsey Repair Cafe

Don't bin it, fix it!

Saturday 21st January 2023

11 am to 1.45 pm at Cholsey Pavilion.

Bring along your broken item and a team of volunteers will try to help you mend it

Which volunteer skills are available* this month?

- ✓ bicycles
- ✓ electricals
- ✓ laptops/computers
- ✓ furniture
- ✓ ultrasonic cleaning
- ✓ clothing and textiles
- ✓ specialist gluing
- ✓ tool & knife sharpening
- ✓ PAT testing
- ✓ mechanical problems

* Subject to availability of volunteer specialists or equipment on the day.

www.cholseyrepaircafe.com

Cholsey Repair Cafe on Facebook

Reminder – Cholsey Repair Café

The first Cholsey Repair Café of 2023 will take place on **Saturday 21 January** at The Cholsey Pavilion, opening its doors from 11.00 to 13.45.

As usual, talented volunteers will be on hand to try to help you fix all manner of broken household items, toys, clothing, bikes and so forth. Subject to availability of specialists, there is also a sharpening service for knives and tools.

The underlying aim is to teach repair skills that reduce demands on the world's reserves of energy and materials – and perhaps save you needless expense.

More information can be found at www.cholseyrepaircafe.com.

Sign up for low-cost broadband – Citizens Advice tip

Citizens Advice Henley has expressed concern that people in need are not taking advantage of cheap broadband and mobile phone schemes set up specially to help them.

Loosely termed "social tariffs" or "essential broadband", these schemes are discounted deals intended for those on Universal Credit, Pension Credit, Employment and Support Allowance, and some other benefits. Statistics show that only 1.2% of those eligible to register for these low tariffs have done so, although they could save over £100 a year. Social tariffs are provided in the same way as normal phone and Internet packages, but at a lower price.

Network providers liaise with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to ascertain customers' eligibility, and the DWP is required to provide only the necessary information, so that personal information remains safe.

At the time of writing, not all telecom companies offer social tariffs but it is possible for those who qualify to switch to a supplier that does provide them. The usual fees for switching contracts, leaving a contract early or terminating them have in many cases been scrapped for those on benefits who qualify for these tariffs – but check with your supplier to make sure.

More information is available on the Citizens Advice website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> or you can call AdviceLine on 0800 278 7907. You can also go to <https://www.gov.uk> and search for "cheaper broadband" or to <https://www.ofcom.org.uk> (search "social tariffs").



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 none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Mulberry Cottage The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL
Proposal: Application for a Non-Material Amendment Following a Grant of Planning Permission 22/00093/HOUSE - First floor side/front extension, ground floor single storey rear extension, single storey garage/store extension, single storey summerhouse, hard landscaping and improvements to frontage, new swimming pool, and addition of sustainable features. Amendments: Amendments to the approved arrangement and amount of solar PV panels

Reference Number: [22/02966/NONMAT](#)
Determination Deadline: **30 December 2022**

Location: Cleeve Court Lodge Streatley Reading RG8 9PR
Proposal: Garage conversion and first floor extension to form bedroom including new side windows to existing bedrooms and glazing alterations to kitchen and dining room.

Reference Number: [22/02899/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: **9 January 2023**

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

Location: Ridgeway Rise Bridleway Goring RG8 0JY
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 7 (Vision splay) and 13 (Energy Statement) of P22/S0924/FUL - erection of a detached two-storey house and garage. Not subject to public consultation.

Reference Number: [P22/S4174/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 16 January 2023**

Location: The Old Bungalow Mount Pleasant Farm, Access Road To Mount Pleasant Farm Goring Heath RG8 7TB
Proposal: Demolition of sub-standard dwelling together with associated outbuildings, erection of new sustainable dwelling.

Reference Number: [P22/S4350/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **19 January 2023**

Location: Land to the east of Manor Road Goring-on-Thames RG8 9EJ
Proposal: Discharge of conditions of 4 (flood water storage compensation), 8 (surface water drainage works), 9 (foul drainage works), 11 (safe access and egress access plan), 12 (vision splay details), 18 (tree protection 3 - timing of works with RPA's), 19 (landscaping (incl hardsurfacing and boundary treatment)), 20 (boundary walls & fences), 21 (biodiversity mitigation and enhancement strategy), 26 (cycle parking facilities), 32 (staged programme of archaeological evaluation and mitigation), 33 (archaeology - full report) on application reference number P19/S2923/O (Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access).

Reference Number: [P22/S4493/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 23 January 2023**

Location: 23 Grange Close Goring RG8 9DY
Proposal: Modification of Planning Obligation in P87/W0526 to remove restriction on deed that no dwelling (including No 23) can be occupied by a person at the date of first occupation aged under 65.

Reference Number: [P22/S4418/MPO](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 30 January 2023**

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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