

## 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 February

In this issue: Goring road closures; More rail strikes this week; What's On in February; Going Forward Buses needs drivers urgently; Help needed for Goring Repair Café; Next Cholsey Repair Café – and our latest update of new planning applications.

## Forthcoming Road Closures

To facilitate pole replacements

### 1. Part of Icknield Road, Goring, 09/02/2023 08:00 to 17:00

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

The alternative routes for traffic are via a combination of Elvendon Road – Wallingford Road – Grove Road and vice-versa. A map of the proposed closure and diversion can be found [HERE](#).

### 2. Elvendon Road Goring, 09/02/2023 08:00 to 17:00

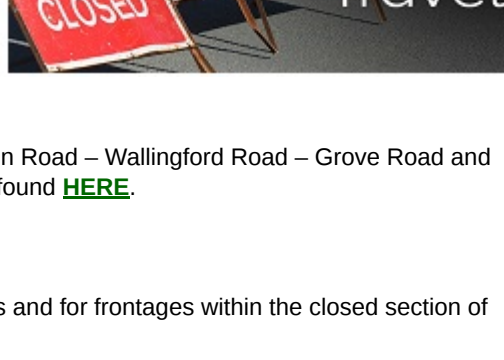
Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works.

The alternative routes for traffic are via a combination of Battle Road – Elvendon Lane – Goring Road – Section of B4526 running through Crays Pond – Reading Road – Wallingford Road and vice-versa. A map of the proposed closure and diversion can be found [HERE](#).

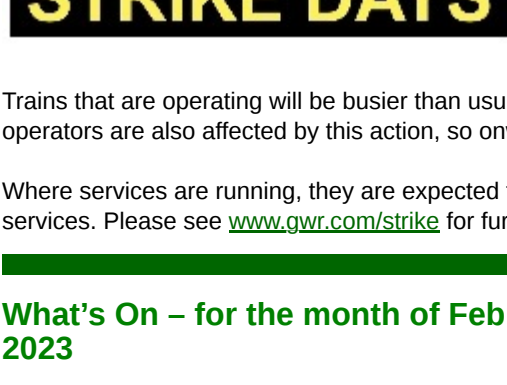
### 3. Part of Station Road, Goring, 09/02/2023 20:00 to 23:00

Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works.

The alternative route for traffic is via the High Street. A map of the proposed closure and diversion can be found [HERE](#).



## MESSAGE FROM GWR



**MORE STRIKE DAYS**

## More Rail Strikes

Wednesday 1 February to Friday 3 February

ASLEF (train drivers) will be taking strike action on Wednesday 1 February and Friday 3 February. RMT train drivers will also strike on the same days. A revised timetable will operate across several train operators, including GWR.

On strike days (Wednesday 1 and Friday 3 February) only an extremely reduced service will operate on a limited number of routes. Many parts of the GWR network will have no service at all. Services will start later and finish earlier. **Those who need to travel should check both their outward and return journeys.**

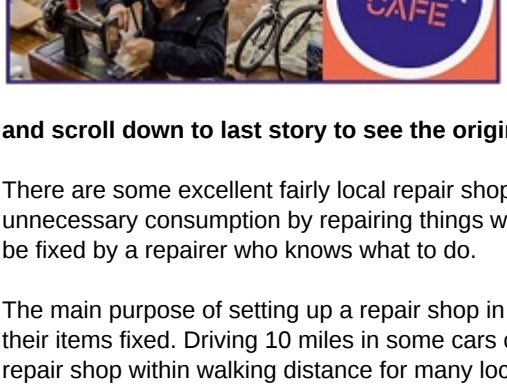
Online journey planners are being updated as per the [passenger information table](#).

## What's On – for the month of February 2023

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

### Interesting talks and concerts in February

Mon, Tues, Fri	Weekly activities at The Hub – coffee, exercise, games etc.
Mon, Thursday	8-11am Mobile post office outside Westholme Stores
Wed 1 Feb	Village Greenfingers: Jenny Hedge <i>The Story of Withymead</i>
Thurs 2 Feb	Wallingford Photo Club (every Thursday)
Fri 3 Feb	7.30pm Cricket Club quiz night
Wed 8 Feb	Cleeve by Goring WI Carol McKay: <i>Planning for emergencies</i>
Fri 10 Feb	7pm Concert to commemorate baroque composer Heinrich Schutz, performed by the Brook Street Band and tenor David de Winter 8pm Goring and Streatley Wine Society meeting
Sat 11 Feb	7pm <a href="#">Thomas Trotter inaugural organ recital</a> at St Thomas'
Sun 12 Feb	Exhibition in Goring Village Hall 1-4.30pm: <i>The Mystery of Lowbury Hill</i>
Thurs 16 Feb	Pick-a-Flick: <i>Belfast</i> directed by Kenneth Branagh
Fri 17 Feb	Goring and Streatley Whisky Association tasting evening
Sun 19 Feb	Coffee and Cake fundraiser in aid of Meningitis Research
Mon 20 Feb	Ukrainian support drop-in café 10am-12noon 2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: <i>Propaganda posters of WW1 and WW2</i>
Thurs 23 Feb	u3a: <i>A Balkan railway journey from Pangbourne to Split</i>
Sun 26 Feb	Concert in St Mary's: Ikuko Inoguchi
Tues 28 Feb	WEA Course: Art Appreciation: <i>The Northern Renaissance</i>



## A reminder that a Repair Café is being set up in Goring

There was a good response from the previous article and thank you to those who have volunteered to help get our local facility off the ground.

However, we still need more 'repairers' with a range of different practical skills to provide a comprehensive service. It only entails helping at Goring Village Hall for 2 hours six times a year (on the first Saturday on alternative months, starting on 1 April). Click [HERE](#)

and scroll down to last story to see the original and more detailed article.

There are some excellent fairly local repair shops, which all have the same aim – to reduce waste and unnecessary consumption by repairing things which often have almost nothing wrong with them and can easily be fixed by a repairer who knows what to do.

The main purpose of setting up a repair shop in Goring is that most people won't need to use their cars to get their items fixed. Driving 10 miles in some cars can create up to 10kg of CO2e. So, it makes sense to have a repair shop within walking distance for many local residents. It will be a free service with the hope that people happy with their repaired item may give a small voluntary donation to help pay for the hall hire. The immense satisfaction of giving a useful item a new lease of life is rewarding for the owner and the repairer, so it's win-win all round!

If you can help, or just want to have a chat about helping, please phone or email Ron Bridle on 07789 871620 / [ronbridle@btinternet.com](mailto:ronbridle@btinternet.com). Thank you.

## Cholsey Repair Café

Saturday 18 March 11.00 to 13.45

Cholsey Repair Café continues to offer its services on the third Saturday of odd-numbered months, with its next event on Saturday 18 March. A wide variety of repairs can be attempted, from bicycles to toasters and torches to garden shears.

Repairs and advice are free but a small donation towards operating costs is appreciated and the cost of replacement parts must be covered. This very popular voluntary service can be busy at times but the rush has usually died down by about 12.15.

**Repair more in 2023!**

**CHOLSEY REPAIR CAFE**

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> March 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**

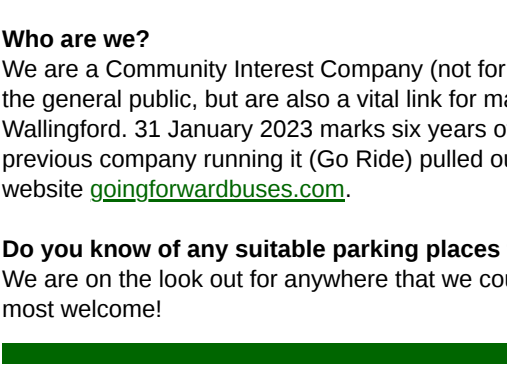
Which volunteer skills are available\* this month?

- ✓ bicycles
- ✓ electricals
- ✓ laptops/computers
- ✓ clocks
- ✓ 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](http://www.cholseyrepaircafe.com)

Cholsey Repair Cafe on Facebook



## Going Forward Buses

Urgent Need for Minibus Drivers

**Mike Ward writes:** One of our drivers is unfortunately off sick for a few weeks. **We urgently need drivers who can help cover his duties**, especially the early morning (08.00) run from Goring to Wallingford School, and late afternoon journeys (Mondays to Fridays up to 17.45). Exact hours can be discussed – even if you could only do a couple of hours that would be a great help. You could join our team of volunteers who fill in from time to time, or we have potentially paid opportunities. Ladies are particularly welcome to apply but we'd love to hear from anyone interested. Please email us in the first instance on [littlebluebus@yahoo.com](mailto:littlebluebus@yahoo.com).

## Who can drive the minibuses?

As the vehicles are certified for 16 or fewer passenger seats and are operated under what is known as a Section 22 permit, they can be driven by those holding a category D1 licence. Category D1 licences should already be held by all those holding a normal driving licence from before 1997. You do not need to take another test. However, if you are over 70, you do need to pass a medical to PCV standard.

## Who are we?

We are a Community Interest Company (not for profit) providing scheduled bus services which are available to the general public, but are also a vital link for many elderly folk in the villages surrounding Goring and Wallingford. 31 January 2023 marks six years of us operating the Goring to Wallingford 134 service after the previous company running it (Go Ride) pulled out. For more information about our services please visit our website [goingforwardbuses.com](http://goingforwardbuses.com).

## Do you know of any suitable parking places for a minibus?

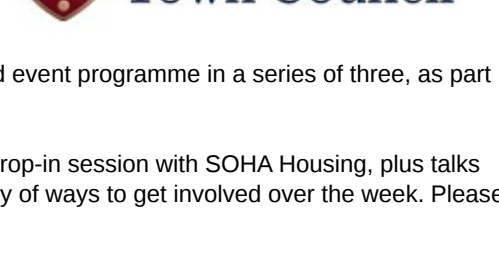
We are on the look out for anywhere that we could safely park a minibus – any offers or suggestions would be most welcome!

## Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Wallingford, 30 January to 4 February

A series of free events titled 'Reduce, Reuse & Recycle' will take place from 30 January to 4 February in Wallingford, about avoiding waste and reusing. This is the second event programme in a series of three, as part of the town council's climate emergency pledge.

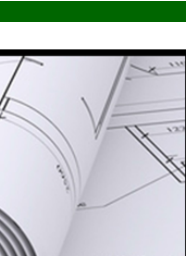
It will include guidance on the South & Vale waste team and a drop-in session with SOHA the Working, plus talks on home composting and a 'Nearly New' sale. There'll be a variety of ways to get involved over the week. Please see [THIS LINK](#) for further information.



## 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](#)



## 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 twelve applications for Goring, one for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

### STREATLEY

**Location:** The Beeches Streatley Reading RG8 9SU  
**Proposal:** Existing shed to the side of two car garage to be demolished and replaced with 30sqm GIA single storey side extension  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0022/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [23 February 2023](#)

### SOUTH STOKE

**Location:** South Stoke Primary School The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS  
**Proposal:** Remove the current trim trail in the playground and replace it.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S2620/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [31 January 2023](#)

### GORING

**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:** [P23/S4418/MPO](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [Target decision date 30 January 2023](#)

**Location:** 2 Fairfield Cottages Farm Rd Goring RG8 0AD  
**Proposal:** Vary condition 2 (approved plans) on P15/S3970 - rear two storey extension to three dwellings; Window added & patio doors replaced to south elevation of No 2, attic room & dormer windows deleted from No 2.  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0051/S73](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [6 February 2023](#)

**Location:** 34 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DU  
**Proposal:** Loft conversion including new roof over. Link dwelling to existing rear garage outbuilding  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0095/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [6 February 2023](#)

**Location:** The Mill Cottage Lock Approach Goring RG8 9AD  
**Proposal:** Amendments to existing planning approval including: adjustments to new day room and entrance hallway, fenestration & doors; new garden wall to form semi-private courtyard to entrance; amendments to roof structure.  
**Reference Number:** [P22/S4607/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [8 February 2023](#)

**Location:** Ridgeway Rise Goring RG8 0JY  
**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on P22/S0924/FUL - erection of a detached two-storey house and garage; changes to site access  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0179/S73](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [10 February 2023](#)

**Location:** Loppings 55 Gatehampton Rd Goring RG8 0EN  
**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 3 (Surface water drainage) on P22/S2061/FUL – demolition and replacement of existing dwelling, associated landscaping and new crossover. Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0016/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [Target decision date 14 February 2023](#)

**Location:** Gattendon Lodge Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 9LU  
**Proposal:** Front two and single storey extension, dormer windows & entrance canopy, remove and replace single storey side extension, rear single storey & roof extension  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0062/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [15 February 2023](#)

**Location:** Westwood Elmhurst Road Goring RG8 9BN  
**Proposal:** Rear single storey extension. Conversion of garage. Door canopy rebuilt as pitch roof  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0083/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [15 February 2023](#)

**Location:** Cedar Wood House Elvendon Road RG8 0LP  
**Proposal:** Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement with garage, improvements to vehicular access  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0208/FUL](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [15 February 2023](#)

**Location:** 8 Ferne Close Goring Reading RG8 0AR  
**Proposal:** Single storey side extension  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0267/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [17 February 2023](#)

**Location:** Land to the east of Manor Road RG8 9EJ  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions (Groundwater, accesses, drainage to highway, tree protection, sustainable design, waste management etc) on application P19/S2923/O (as amplified by additional information received 17 January & amended by information received 24 January 2023) - erection of 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access. Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0100/DIS](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [Target decision date 22 February 2023](#)

**Location:** Jordleys Manor Road Goring RG8 9EN  
**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed rear single storey extension  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0093/LDP](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** [Target decision date 8 March 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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