

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is **24 February**

In this issue: Goring Unplugged; Healthcare Sunday; Library news; Goring Beauty update; Perch & Pike closure; South News; Wallingford Museum latest – and our latest update of new planning applications.



A sad message from the landlords of the Perch & Pike, South Stoke

They write: "Despite taking the Perch & Pike over at a difficult time and dealing with the restrictions, we have enjoyed watching the business grow. Unfortunately, we have found the last year to be particularly challenging with the economic climate as it is and the ever-increasing costs. We have therefore come to the conclusion that we cannot carry on and it is with much sadness that we have decided to give our notice in to Brakspears and our notice period will end at the beginning of August. We are grateful to Brakspears for giving us the opportunity to run such a lovely pub and wish the next tenants much success."

"We have really enjoyed living in South Stoke and the villagers have made us feel most welcome. We have also been very touched by the support that we have received from Goring, Strealey and the surrounding area and will miss the customers and friends we have been fortunate to make. We are not sure what the future holds for us, but we hope to stay local for a while. Most of all we want to thank our loyal, hard-working staff and you all for your custom and look forward to seeing you over the next few months."

Linda, Jamie and Rosie

Goring Unplugged is back for 2023 – its 20th Anniversary Year

Next Gig: Goring Village Hall tomorrow, Friday 17 February

Doors open at 7.30pm, music begins at 8pm. Bring your own bottle/opener/glasses.

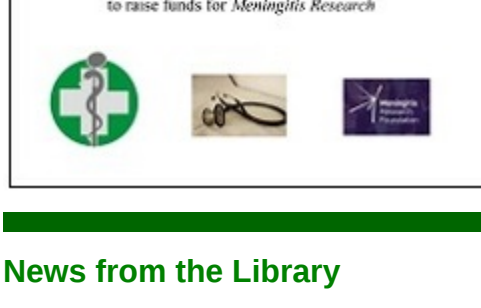
£5 cash or card!

This is the line-up:

- Fru & Stan
- George Parker
- Greg Mayston
- Jane Carroll
- Last Minute Returns
- Paul Grant (flamenco)
- Robert & Fay
- Rod Macrae
- Simon Morley
- Steve Daniels



Please take home all you bring and – if you would – please help stack the chairs at the end!



Special Healthcare Sunday Church Service and Coffee Morning

This Sunday 19 February in Goring

There will be a special Healthcare Sunday on 19 February at **St Thomas' Goring at 9.30am** with the focus on healthcare and its staff. Come and give thanks and pray for our wonderful healthcare workers.

At 10.30am after the service Jodie Harrison, a dispenser at the Goring Medical Practice, will be holding a coffee morning in the Canterbury Room to raise funds for Meningitis Research where people will also be able to sponsor her for her forthcoming climb of Mt Kilimanjaro.

News from the Library

Two events for your diary

11 March at 3pm. Together with The Hub, Goring WI and local retailers, FoGL is supporting 'Perfect Slow Cooking Inspiration'. This will be held in the Goring Community Centre in Station Road. The team from the Village Café will be doing the cooking so all you have to do is come along to enjoy tasting the food and be inspired by the recipes.

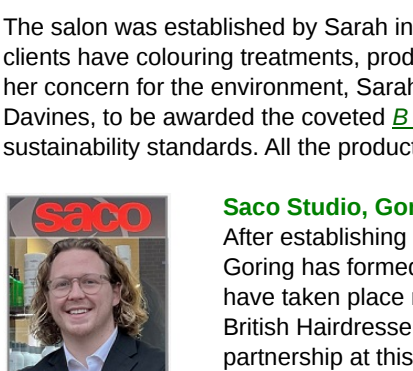
The session will revolve around using slow cookers to produce delicious, tasty, economical, energy-saving and nutritious veg and non-veg meals that cook themselves while you're out – what's not to like! This friendly event is suitable for those who cook often/little/for many/for few so if you're tempted, **book your free place** via the Library (01491 873028) or The Hub (01491 523637). Cookbooks and slow cooker information will be available at the session to browse or to borrow from the Library.

15 March 10.30-12noon. A FoGL coffee morning with a difference. Come and enjoy a game of Scrabble! You'll be supported by the Scrabble Dictionary (there will be a time limit) and as ever, delicious coffee and cake (if your opponent is working on a 7 letter word you get more cake!). Do pop the date in your diary. All welcome who enjoy hot drinks, conversation (and maybe a bit of competition).



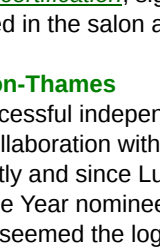
Friends of Goring Library

Don't forget we also have newspaper back in the library – warm up and have a read.



Goring Hair and Beauty Update

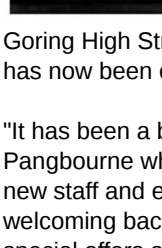
The three hair and beauty salons in Goring High Street have all had face-lifts



Albert Fields Hair Salon
Albert Fields, in Goring High Street, has recently undertaken a major refurbishment. The salon's layout was reconfigured to create a nicer environment for the team and their clients. It also has more room to accommodate the growing business. Owner, Sarah Collins, was keen to reuse all the original chairs, furniture, fixtures and fittings and re-purpose other materials wherever possible, in line with her strong commitment to reduce the salon's

carbon footprint.

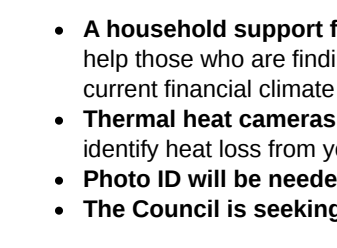
The salon was established by Sarah in 2011 and now has a staff of 14, including 3 apprentices. About 60% of clients have colouring treatments, producing chemical material which gets washed down the sink. As a result of her concern for the environment, Sarah has selected products from the only UK hair care products supplier, Davines, to be awarded the coveted **B Corp certification**, signifying the company's highest environmental sustainability standards. All the products used in the salon and for sale have the B Corp's 'B' logo on the label.



Saco Studio, Goring-on-Thames

After establishing a successful independent business, Luke Robert Hair at 10 High Street in Goring has formed a collaboration with the **global hair group Saco**. These exciting changes have taken place recently and since Luke has been working with Saco and its co-owner, British Hairdresser of the Year nominee Richard Ashforth, for the past 18 months, a partnership at this time seemed the logical next step. Saco, which has salons in a number of cities including London, Paris and Seoul, has established a reputation for quality. Aligning himself with a world-class salon group Saco made perfect sense to Luke.

The towels in his eco salon are one-use 100% bio-degradable and therefore no washing machine is required. The organic *Supernature* hair care products range is 'super food for your hair'.



Virgo Beauty of Goring is back!

They write: "We are now back and up and running in our redecorated Goring High Street salon after our temporary closure to concentrate on developing our Pangbourne salon, which has now been open for over a year."

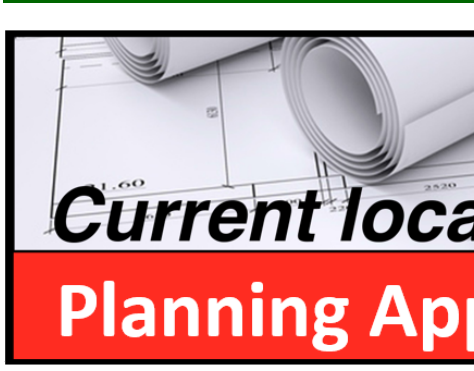
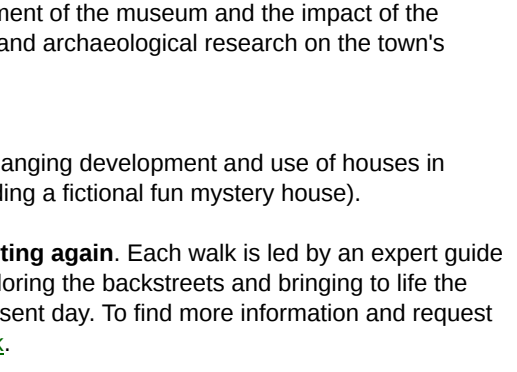
"It has been a busy start to the New Year, not only with beauty treatments, but also our hairdressing service in Pangbourne where we have more space to offer a wider range of services and treatments. We are also recruiting new staff and expanding our teams in both our Goring and Pangbourne salons and particularly looking forward to welcoming back our loyal Goring salon clients and explaining the whole wider range of beauty treatments and special offers available."

Sarah, Tony & the Virgo Beauties

Local Council News

Please see this [LINK](#) to read about several news items from South Oxfordshire Local Council. These are:

- **A household support fund** has been set up to help those who are finding it hard to cope in the current financial climate
- **Thermal heat cameras** are available to help identify heat loss from your house
- **Photo ID will be needed** to vote at the local elections in May
- **The Council is seeking more councillors**



Wallingford Museum News

The Museum reopens on 1 March for the 2023 season. Throughout the closure period the team has been busy creating not one but two new exhibitions.

1. The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) are celebrating 50 years since their foundation this year. The exhibition reflects TWHAS's development from its early beginnings through to the establishment of the museum and the impact of the historical and archaeological research on the town's heritage.

2. House Detectives: history behind the door

The houses in this exhibition have been chosen to reflect the changing development and use of houses in Wallingford, from the medieval period to the 20th century (including a fictional fun mystery house).

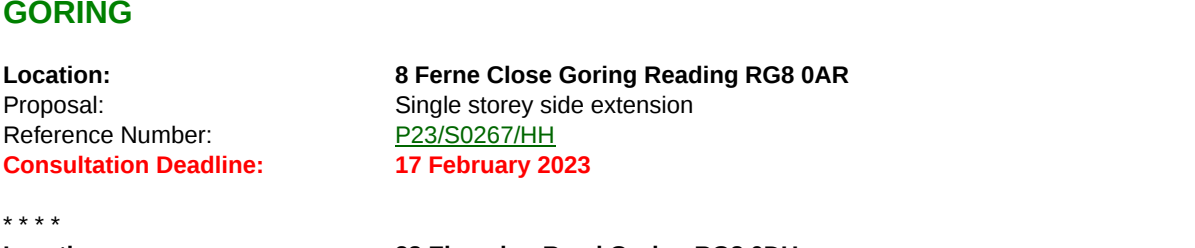
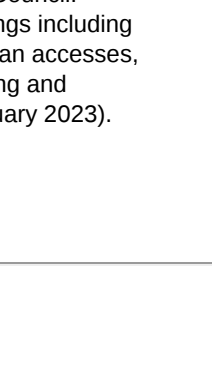
Look out for Wallingford's **Guided Historic Town Walks starting again**. Each walk is led by an expert guide from The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society, exploring the backstreets and bringing to life the history of the town and its buildings from Saxon times to the present day. To find more information and request special group tours, please visit www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk.

For the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society 2023 talks programme see <https://www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.html>

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;](#)
- [Strealey 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, Strealey 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 ten applications for Goring, two for Strealey, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Out Of District Planning Consultation South Oxfordshire District Council Land To The East Of Manor Road, Goring-on-Thames
Proposal: Out of District Consultation: South Oxfordshire District Council: P23/S0340/DIS - Discharge of condition 14(Construction Traffic Management) and 27(Control of construction dust) on application P19/S2923/O (Erection of 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access).
Reference Number: [P23/S0340/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **3 March 2023**

Location: Out Of District Planning Consultation South Oxfordshire District Council 43 Springhill Road, Goring, RG8 0BY
Proposal: Out of District Consultation: South Oxfordshire District Council: P20/S2488/FUL - Residential development of 44 dwellings including demolition of 43 Springhill Road, vehicular and pedestrian accesses, play area, public open space and associated landscaping and earthworks (as amended by submission dated 03 February 2023). Amendment : No. 4 - dated 3rd February 2023.
Reference Number: [P23/S0288/OOD](#)
Consultation Deadline: **3 March 2023**

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

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

Location: 28 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DU
Proposal: Erection of part single part two storey extension.
Reference Number: [P23/S0296/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **20 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: Goring & Strealey Rail Station Goring RG8 0EP
Proposal: Replacement of existing visitors orientation plaque with a larger, more informative & inclusive map.
Reference Number: [P23/S0360/A](#)
Consultation Deadline: **1 March 2023**

Location: 13 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA
Proposal: Side & rear two storey extensions.
Reference Number: [P23/S0379/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **6 March 2023**

Location: Cleve Reach Goring RG8 0JY
Proposal: Erection of new double garage, amenity room and new fencing to serve existing tennis court.
Reference Number: [P23/S0519/HH](#)
Consultation Deadline: **7 March 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**

Location: Land to the east of Manor Road RG8 9EJ
Proposal: Discharge of Conditions (Turning Area & Car Parking; Mitigating groundwater during construction) on application P22/S0003/RM (Reserved Matters) following Outline approval P19/S2923/O - erection of 20 dwellings and associated works. Outline application was not subject to an environment impact assessment. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: [P23/S0338/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 10 March 2023**

Location: Land to the east of Manor Road RG8 9EJ
Proposal: Discharge of conditions (Construction Traffic Management; control of construction dust) on application P19/S2923/O - erection of 20 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: [P23/S0340/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 10 March 2023**

Location: Colebrook House High Street Goring RG8 9AR
Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed partial change of use from commercial to residential with internal alterations to form a new residential unit
Reference Number: [P23/S0436/LDP](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 31 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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