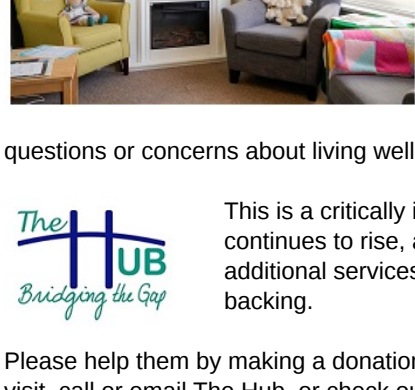


**Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter**

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 March

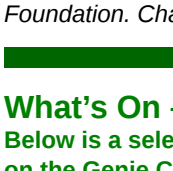
In this issue: Help the Hub; What's on in March, Streatley Litterpick; SODC Councillor's report; Walking Festival; Financial calculators – and our latest update of new planning applications.



**Help The Hub to Help our Community!**

The Hub is calling residents to help our community. As a small independent charity, they need our financial support and friendship to continue supporting local people during these challenging times.

Providing support to all adults in the Goring Gap, this friendly community drop-in centre (based in The Arcade, next to the café) is the first port-of-call for many Goring and Streatley residents with questions or concerns about living well in our community, and for friendship.



This is a critically important time in the development of The Hub. Demand for its services continues to rise, and there are exciting plans to meet more of our community's needs with additional services in 2023, such as a dementia group. They can only achieve this with our backing.

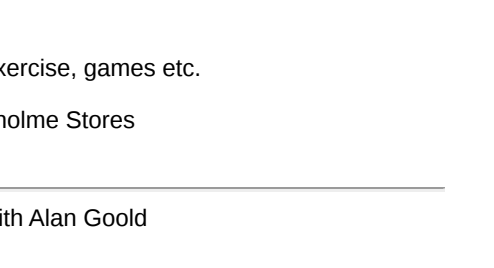
Please help them by making a donation today, and also by becoming a Friend of The Hub. For more information visit, call or email The Hub, or check out information about their appeal here: [www.TheHubBTG.org.uk/help-the-hub-appeal/](http://www.TheHubBTG.org.uk/help-the-hub-appeal/). Email: [info@TheHubBTG.org.uk](mailto:info@TheHubBTG.org.uk) Tel: 01491 525637. The Hub is run by local registered charity, Q1 Foundation. Charity No 1185960.

**What's On – for the month of March 2023**

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the Genie Calendar

Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free:

<https://www.genienews.org/enewsletters/calendar-events-planner/calendar/>



**Enjoy a cookery demonstration and Goring Gap Players' A Step in Time, plus Withymead is open for Mothers' Day on the 19th**

Mon, Tues, Fri	Weekly activities at The Hub – coffee, exercise, games etc.
Mon, Thurs	8-11am Mobile post office outside Westholme Stores
Wed 1 March	Village Greenfingers 7.45pm <i>Soft fruit</i> with Alan Goold
Thurs 2 March	Wallingford Photo Club (every Thursday)
Fri 3 March	8pm Goring & Streatley Wine Society
Wed 8 March	Cleeve by Goring WI AGM and members evening
Sat 11 March	3pm Perfect Slow Cooking Inspiration (need to book)
Sun 12 March	Deadline for Genie's mid-month e-newsletter – send in your news and let around 1600 Genie subscribers know what is happening in and around the Gap
Wed 15 March	FOGL Coffee and Scrabble 10.30-12noon
Thurs 16 March	• Pick-a-Flick. <i>The Englishman who went up a Hill and came down a Mountain.</i> • Goring Gap Players present <i>A Step in Time</i> 7.30-10.30pm, Goring Village Hall – an evening with Francis Durbridge
Fri 17 March St Patrick's Day	• 7.30pm Carolan Irish Session – Simon Mayor • 7.30pm <i>A Step in Time</i>
Sat 18 March	• Cholsley Repair Café 11-1.45pm • 7.30pm <i>A Step in Time</i>
Sun 19 March	• Mothering Sunday – special church services and • Withymead open 2-5pm
Mon 20 March	• Ukrainian support drop-in café 10-12noon • 2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: <i>The Abbey and the Castle: Reading in the Middle Ages</i>
Thurs 30 March	u3a: <i>Where do Novelists get their Ideas from?</i> Bobbie Darbyshire
Fri 31 March	Goring and Streatley Wine Society



**Streatley Parish Council Litter Pick**

18th March 2023 10am - midday

Collect bags and equipment from the Morrell Room.

Refreshments provided.

**SODC District Councillor's Report**

January/February 2023

The report from Maggie Filipova-Rivers, the SODC Councillor for Goring and South Stoke, can be found [HERE](#).



Here is a note of the contents:

1. SODC Revenue Budget 23/24
2. Medium term Financial Plan
3. Capital Programme
4. Getting to know our communities better – Equalities Database
5. Street Parties for the King's coronation
6. Join Local Plan – Issues Consultation Results
7. Government Consultation on Planning Reforms
8. Leisure needs survey
9. Housing Support Fund now open to all
10. Growing the green business community
11. Be our "eyes and ears"!



**Save the Date!**

The third North Wessex Downs Walking Festival is 2-11 June this year

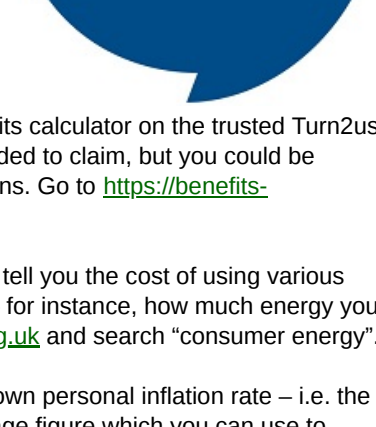
The Festival will include over 25 walks taking place across the North Wessex Downs and all in celebration of this stunning landscape. The varied programme will include family-friendly, evening and weekend walks with opportunities for you to seek out wildlife, history or culture, visit a farm or simply soak up the views from the top of the downs.

The welcoming and knowledgeable guides will bring alive some of their favourite places as you explore more of the landscape around you.

Be one of the first to hear when bookings for the festival open by signing up to receive the North Wessex Downs emailed newsletter at [northwessexdowns.org.uk/walking](http://northwessexdowns.org.uk/walking).

**Citizens Advice recommends Internet-based financial calculators**

As you read these paragraphs, multitudes of people in this country are taking stock of their financial positions and finding plenty of reasons for feeling glum. The near future looks bleak with higher and higher food bills, galloping gas and electricity charges, zooming mortgages. But worse comes if we give way to our mood and allow reasonable concerns to be clouded in uncontrollable fears, so it is important to be calm and objective about our situations. In this respect the "calculator" tool is a big help: it tells us very simply what our financial position is, giving an objective diagnosis, without judging us.



Citizens Advice recommends two calculators in particular. The first is a benefits calculator on the trusted Turn2us website. You might not have thought your finances were so bad that you needed to claim, but you could be eligible to receive benefits and you only need to answer a few simple questions. Go to <https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk> and find out.

The second is an energy calculator on the Citizens Advice website which will tell you the cost of using various electrical appliances. For this calculator you need to have some data ready – for instance, how much energy you are consuming and the unit price you pay. Visit <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> and search "consumer energy".

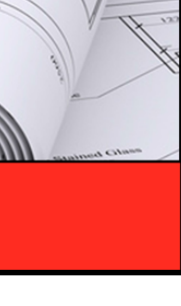
Another calculator that you might be interested in is one that gives you your own personal inflation rate – i.e. the effect of inflation on your own spending. This gives you an objective percentage figure which you can use to establish whether your bank balance is going to hover above or below zero. The calculator is on the Office for National Statistics website at <https://www.ons.gov.uk>.

Whatever your problem is, volunteers at Citizens Advice are available to help. Call Adviceline on 0808 278 7907. There is much more information on <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>.

**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 eleven applications for Goring, four for Streatley, 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**  
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:** [23/00302/OOD](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **3 March 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **Out Of District Planning Consultation South Oxfordshire District Council 43 Springhill Road, Goring, RG8 0BY**  
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:** [23/00288/OOD](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **3 March 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **The Old Vicarage Vicarage Lane Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9HX**  
Proposed alterations and extensions to existing house.  
**Reference Number:** [23/00357/HOUSE](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **13 March 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **Woods Farm Stables Streatley Reading RG8 9SU**  
Insertion of 4no rooflights  
**Reference Number:** [23/00428/CERTP](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **17 March 2023**

**SOUTH STOKE**

None

**GORING**

- Location:** **Goring & Streatley Rail Station Goring RG8 0EP**  
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**  
Side & rear two storey extensions.  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0379/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **6 March 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **Cleeve Reach Goring RG8 0JY**  
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**  
Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed rear single storey extension  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0093/LDP](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **Target decision date 8 March 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **44 Cleeve Down Goring RG8 0HA**  
Proposed first floor rear extension  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0509/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **9 March 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **Land to the east of Manor Road RG8 9EJ**  
Discharge of Conditions (Turning Area & Car Parking; mitigate 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**  
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:** **13 Valley Close Goring RG8 0AN**  
Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation (gym / home office); new porch with associated internal & external alterations  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0418/HH](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **10 March 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **Colebrook House High Street Goring RG8 9AR**  
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**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **Field adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway off B4526 Reading Road Goring RG8 0LL**  
Appeal against enforcement: Without planning permission the material change of use from the keeping of horses to mixed use, viz. 1) the keeping of horses; 2) the storage of a static caravan  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0297/DA](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **Target decision date 14 April 2023**
- \*\*\*\*
- Location:** **Field adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway off B4526 Reading Road Goring RG8 0LL**  
Appeal against enforcement: Without planning permission the undertaking of building, engineering and other operations: i) earthworks to dig up, move, deposit and store soil; (ii) installation of septic tank and soakaway; (iii) laying of hardcore hardstanding/driveway; iv) laying of concrete base  
**Reference Number:** [P23/S0298/DA](#)  
**Consultation Deadline:** **Target decision date 14 April 2023**

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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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