

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 March

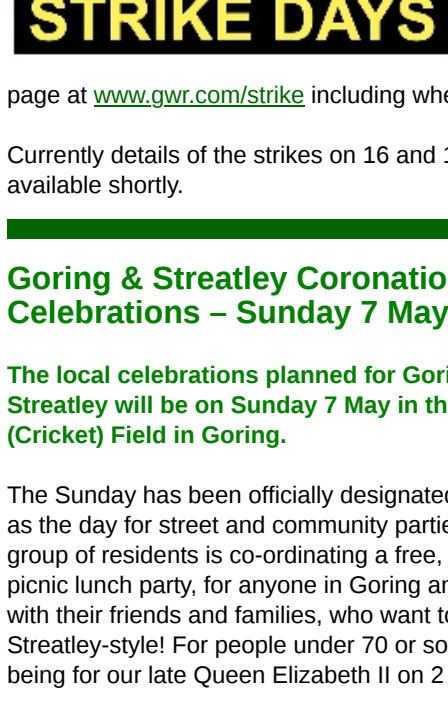
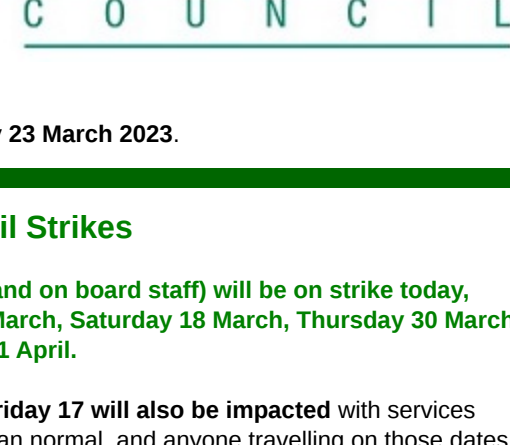
In this issue: Streatley parking; Rail strikes; Coronation plans; Goring Repair Shop; GVH AGM; Gardiner cricket nets decision; Goring crime report; Goring Gigaclear – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Parking in Streatley High Street – Consultation

Following the residents' Streatley High Street Traffic Survey conducted a year ago, a consultation on the WBC proposal is in progress, ending on 23 March.

Here is a link to the consultation where you can find the details of the proposal (including a plan) and how to respond (whether you object or support):
[Draft Parking Review Amendment Traffic Regulation Order 32 REF 008839MS - West Berkshire Council](#)

Please note that anyone can respond but you need to do so by 23 March 2023.



Further Rail Strikes

RMT (station and on board staff) will be on strike today, Thursday 16 March, Saturday 18 March, Thursday 30 March and Saturday 1 April.

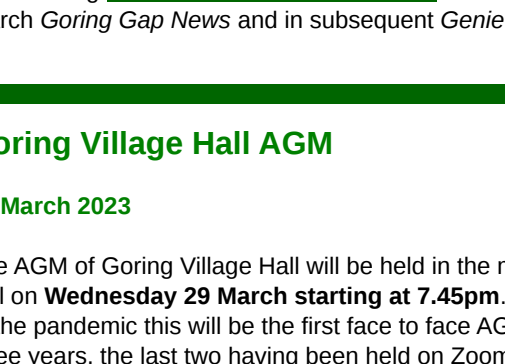
Services on Friday 17 will also be impacted with services starting later than normal, and anyone travelling on those dates should check their journey before travel.

Many parts of the network will have no service whatsoever on the affected strike days, and where services do run they will start later and finish much earlier than normal. They will be much busier than usual and subject to short-notice changes and alterations. Customers are advised to find alternative methods of travel or to vary the date of their journey if they can. More information can be found on the dedicated strike page at www.gwr.com/strike including when detailed timetables will be available and how to claim refunds.

Currently details of the strikes on 16 and 18 March are available. Details for 30 March and 1 April will be available shortly.

Goring & Streatley Coronation Celebrations – Sunday 7 May

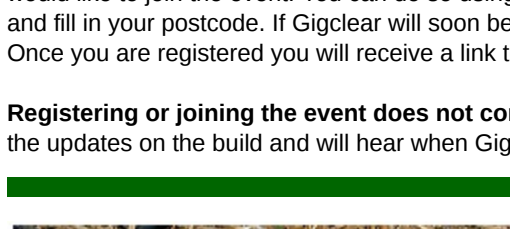
The local celebrations planned for Goring and Streatley will be on Sunday 7 May in the Gardiner (Cricket) Field in Goring.



The Sunday has been officially designated by the Palace as the day for street and community parties and a small group of residents is co-ordinating a free, open-to-all picnic lunch party, for anyone in Goring and Streatley, with their friends and families, who want to come along and join in this special 'Coronation Big Lunch', Goring & Streatley-style! For people under 70 or so, this forthcoming Coronation will be a unique occasion, the last one being for our late Queen Elizabeth II on 2 June 1953.

The event will be very informal so people can just come along and sit where they like with no need to book a place. The field will be decorated with the traditional red, white and blue flags and bunting and the Goring & Streatley Concert Band will provide the music and entertainment. People should provide their own picnic blankets or tables & chairs, decorations and lunch and set up where they want on the field from midday onwards.

If anyone would like to offer any ideas to make this a truly memorable event or help on the day, and/or the Saturday before to decorate the field, please let us know by emailing simonc@carterandsonltd.co.uk or ronbridle@btinternet.com. More details will follow in the March Goring Gap News and in subsequent Genie newsletters.



Goring Village Hall AGM

29 March 2023

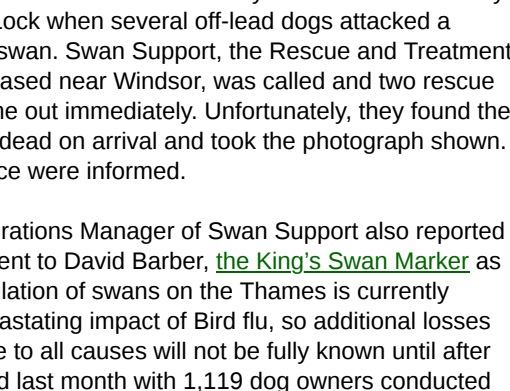
The AGM of Goring Village Hall will be held in the main hall on **Wednesday 29 March starting at 7.45pm**. Due to the pandemic this will be the first face AGM for three years, the last two having been held on Zoom.

Use of the hall is now returning to pre-pandemic levels, once again making it a centre for a diverse range of activities in Goring and Streatley. So this is your opportunity to find out how the recovery is going, to find out what goes on behind the scenes, hear about the trustees' plans for the future and, of course, to ask questions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Gigaclear Online Event

23 March 2023 – 18.30 to 19.30

There will be an online event, for all residents who would like to know more about Gigaclear and how they are building their network. It's also an opportunity to ask questions at the end.



Those who are interested will need to register if they would like to join the event. You can do so using this link: www.gigaclear.com. (Scroll down to 'Order in your details', click and fill in your postcode. If Gigaclear will soon be available for you a page will open where you fill in your details.) Once you are registered you will receive a link to join the event via Microsoft Teams.

Registering or joining the event does not commit people to Gigaclear in any way, it just means they get all the updates on the build and will hear when Gigaclear goes live.



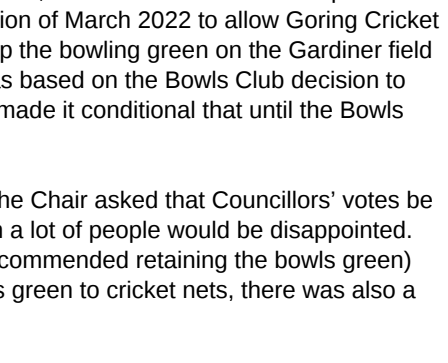
Cygnets killed by dogs at Cleeve Lock

The incident occurred on Monday 6 March in the field by Cleeve Lock when several off-lead dogs attacked a juvenile swan. Swan Support, the Rescue and Treatment Centre based near Windsor, was called and two rescue staff came out immediately. Unfortunately, they found the yearling dead on arrival and took the photograph shown. The Police were informed.

The Operations Manager of Swan Support also reported the incident to David Barber, the King's Swan Marker as the population of swans on the Thames is currently suffering heavy losses with many hundreds dying due to the devastating impact of Bird flu, so additional losses from other causes are regrettable. The number of swans lost due to all causes will not be fully known until after the next Swan Upping takes place on 21 July. Research released last month with 1,119 dog owners conducted by insurance company NFU Mutual, found that almost half (46%) believe their dog was not capable of injuring or killing animals and 64% let their dogs roam off-lead in the countryside. Many owners (39%) admit their dogs don't always come back when called. The statutory guidance given in [The Countryside Code](#) is to always keep dogs under control and in sight. **Emergency contact details for swan and other environmental problems are always available in the 'Local Information' section of our Genie website.**

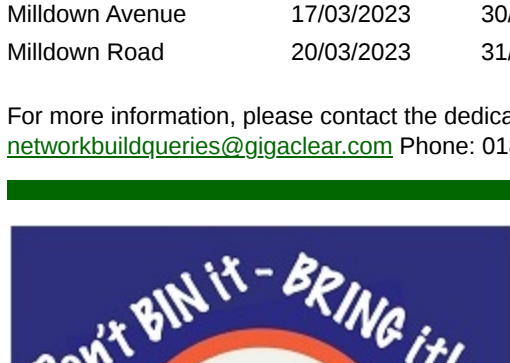
Latest crime report for Goring

Below are the incidents in Goring and the locality reported to Genie by the Thames Valley Police (Henley Neighbourhood Team)



- 8 February Road traffic collision. Station Road, Goring – Minor injury
- 9 February Action Fraud. Towse Court, Goring
- 10 February Suspicious person/Cold callers. Milldown Road, Goring
- 13 February Public order. Goring Arcade
- 14 February Drug Offences. Online
- 14 February Theft of Land Rover Defender. Upper Red Cross Road, Goring
- 14 February Theft of Range Rover. Station car park, Goring
- 17 February Action Fraud. Online
- 21 February Criminal Damage. Elmtree Road, Goring
- 2 March Assault with injury. Limetree Road, Goring
- 6 March Wildlife crime. Dog attack on swan, Cleeve Lock area*

* See separate report above



Council votes to allow cricket club to develop bowling green for new cricket nets

At Goring-on-Thames Parish Council's meeting on Monday 13 March, the Council voted not to repeal its previous decision of March 2022 to allow Goring Cricket Club to develop the bowling green on the Gardiner field

to relocate to Goring Heath. At the time of that decision the Council also made it conditional that until the Bowls Club relocated, Croquet would be allowed to share the use of the green.

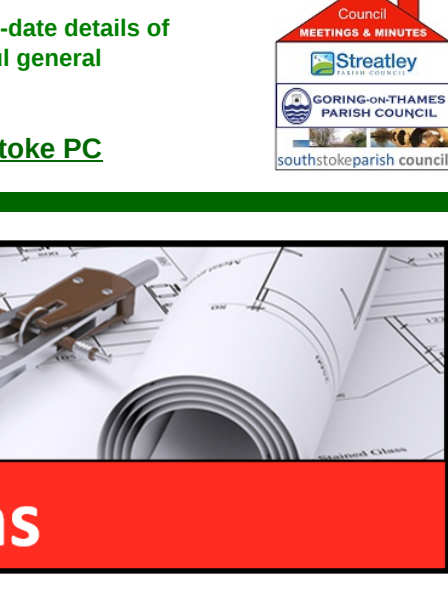
Due to the importance of the decision, at the beginning of the debate the Chair asked that Councillors' votes be recorded as it would be a difficult vote and no matter what the decision a lot of people would be disappointed. Although the recent consultation on the Open Spaces report (which recommended retaining the bowls green) had received more comments in favour of the repurposing of the bowls green to cricket nets, there was also a good number of those against changing the green.

There was a split vote and of the eight councillors present, the four who voted to repeal the previous vote and retain the bowling green for the use of the Goring Croquet and Bowls Club were Clirs Jim Emerson, Colin Ratcliff, Lawrie Reavill & Andrew Smith. The four who voted not to repeal the original decision were Clirs David Brooker, Sonia Lofthouse, Richard Osborne and Bryan Urbick. Chairman Urbick then used his casting vote, as is established in legislation and the Council's Standing Orders, making a majority not to repeal the original decision. In the middle of the council debate for the repeal vote, a motion to delay the decision until after the local council elections on 4 May was made. This was also a split vote but the Chairman's casting vote made the decision not to carry the motion.

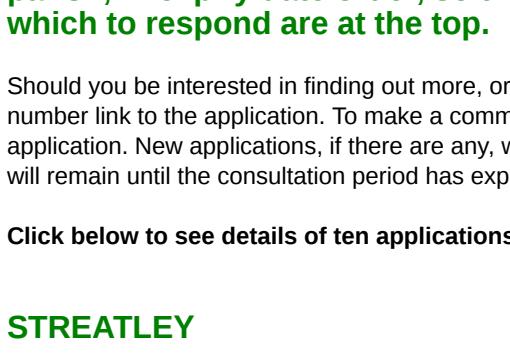
Roadworks associated with Gigaclear Build Update, Goring

The following roads are affected:

	From	To
Ferne Close	06/03/2023	17/03/2023
Meadow Close	08/03/2023	21/03/2023
Croft Road	09/03/2023	22/03/2023
Grange Close	15/03/2023	28/03/2023
Milldown Avenue	17/03/2023	30/03/2023
Milldown Road	20/03/2023	31/03/2023



For more information, please contact the dedicated Customer Operations team: Email: networkbuildqueries@gigaclear.com Phone: 01865 591131.



New Repair Café to open on Saturday 1 April in Goring Village Hall

Repair Cafés have one main aim – to reduce waste and unnecessary consumption by repairing everyday items which can often be fixed by 'repairers' who know what to do. On 1 April Goring's new Repair Shop will be open between 11am and 1.30pm when there will be about a dozen such local and experienced repairers waiting in Goring Village Hall to take a look at what you may bring in. There are no guarantees, of course, that everything can be fixed, but data from thousands of these facilities over the years shows that up to 80% or more can be successfully repaired. In addition to the environmental benefits to our planet from the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by avoiding the need for new replacement items, which are often made overseas and shipped here, there are other benefits too. These include the immense satisfaction of giving a useful item a new lease of life which is rewarding for both the owner and the repairer!

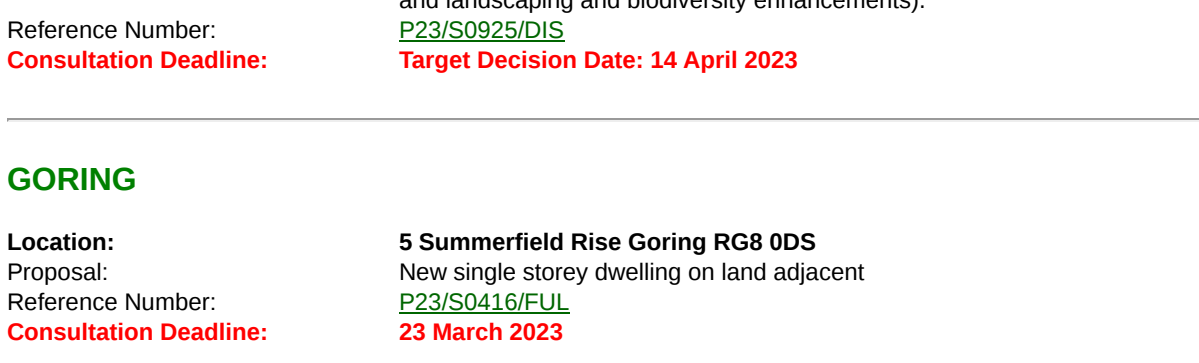
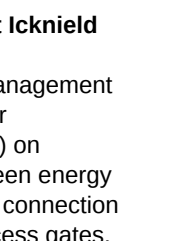
It will be a free community service run entirely by unpaid volunteers but the hope is that people who are happy to have such a local service may like to give a voluntary donation to help contribute towards the hall hire, insurance and the other associated costs. The dates for future events will be on the first Saturday of alternate months, and the following ones being 3 June and 5 August etc and these will be advertised widely in advance. So, put that first date in your diary and if you have anything which is broken don't bin it, bring it in and try out the service. If you don't have anything broken at the moment, you can just drop in to see what's going on and maybe enjoy the refreshments available in Café Bellème. To have a look at the type and range of the items people bring in click [HERE](#).

If you want to have a chat about helping as a repairer or in a support role, please phone or email Ron Bridle on 07789 871620 or ronbridle@btinternet.com. Thank you.

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

STREATLEY

Location: Woods Farm Stables Streatley Reading RG8 9SU
Proposal: Variation of 4no rooflights
Reference Number: 23/00428/CERTP
Consultation Deadline: 17 March 2023

Location: The Old Vicarage Vicarage Lane Streatley Reading West Berkshire RG8 9HX
Proposal: Proposed alterations and extensions to existing house.
Reference Number: 23/00357/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 20 March 2023

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Land at Icknield Gas to Grid Anaerobic Digestion Plant Icknield Road Ipsden OX10 6AS
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 4 (Landscaping), 5 (Landscape Management Plan), 6 (Construction Environmental Management Plan for Biodiversity) and 8 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) on planning application P22/S2477/FUL (Construction of a green energy hub comprising a standalone solar array together with grid connection infrastructure, underground cable route, site accesses, access gates, internal access tracks, security measures, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements).
Reference Number: P23/S0925/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target Decision Date: 14 April 2023

GORING

Location: 5 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS
Proposal: New single storey dwelling on land adjacent
Reference Number: P23/S0416/FUL
Consultation Deadline: 23 March 2023

Location: Haydown Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT
Proposal: New access & drop kerb extended
Reference Number: P22/S04369/HK
Consultation Deadline: 27 March 2023

Location: Fairfield River Lane Goring RG8 9EE
Proposal: Erection of 5m x 5m Oak frame gazebo in garden.
Reference Number: P23/S0789/JHH
Consultation Deadline: 27 March 2023

Location: High Gable 72 Wallingford Rd Goring RG8 0HN
Proposal: Rear first floor balcony over existing flat roof.
Reference Number: P23/S0290/HH
Consultation Deadline: 28 March 2023

Location: Wey Cottage 2 Manor Road Goring RG8 9DP
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on P22/S1492/HH - Demolition of existing and replacement with oak timber frame garage, height of building to be amended to 3.44m.
Reference Number: P23/S0251/ST3
Consultation Deadline: 29 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

Location: 40 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0BG
Proposal: Double storey rear extension, new dormer to the front bedroom and a single-storey extension to the front elevation
Reference Number: P23/S0856/HH
Consultation Deadline: 4 April 2023

Location: Gatehampton Farm, Nursery Farm RG8 9LU
Proposal: Change of use of covered area for extension to existing dwelling
Reference Number: P23/S0833/FUL
Consultation Deadline: 5 April 2023

Location: Field adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway off B4526 Reading Road Goring RG8 0LL
Proposal: 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
Proposal: 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

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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