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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 July

In this issue: Streatley YHA for sale; Road closure, Rail strike; Singing Doctor; Author talk; July What's On; Invalid postage stamps; Calling volunteer organisations; George Michael weekend; Cholsey Show - and our

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

latest update of new planning applications.

The road will be closed 24 hours a day to allow Thames Water to repair a pipe outside No 12 Icknield Road. Limited access will be maintained for emergency service

road, subject to the progress of the works. also the alternative route for traffic can be seen **HERE**.



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**Further Rail Strikes** 

Thursday 20, Saturday 22 and Saturday 29 July The RMT (on board and station staff) will strike on



Further information is on the dedicated webpage: www.gwr.com/strike. GWR will also be making customers aware through station and on board announcements, station posters, and traditional and social media. ASLEF (train drivers) has also announced a ban on overtime working from Mon 3 July to Sat 8 July. This is likely to affect the Southern Railway service from Reading to Waterloo where most services are subject to cancellation or delays. See this website for more information: https://www.southernrailway.com/travel-While GWR do not anticipate that this will have a major impact on their services, customers should check before they travel using www.gwr.com/check. The Night Riviera Sleeper service will not run from Sunday 2 July to Friday

Upcoming EVENTS on the Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events Please go there for details and more events, or to add CALENDAR & PLANNER

This month: International singers, a musical picnic and a judgement day • The Big Sing in St Thomas' Sat 1 July Goring Thames Sailing Club 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Summer Party

Wed 5 July Village Greenfingers: Vegetables • Delaware Choral Singers in St Mary's Streatley 7.30pm

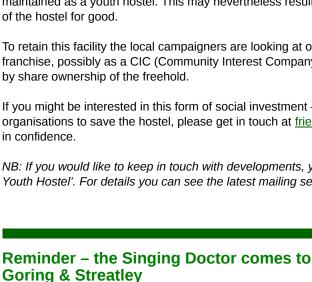
Sat 8 July Coffee morning at the Hub 10.30am · Woodcote Rally this weekend

Wed 12 July Cleeve-by-Goring WI – A history of Greenham Common

Goring Gap Local History Society: AGM and Social 2.30pm

Britain in Bloom judges visit Goring - please help tidy up the village for them Pick a Flick: A Private Function AGM of the Morrell Room 8pm

Streatley Youth Hostel has again been put on the market by the Youth Hostel Association after a concerted local campaign to save it. This 48-bed hostel has been successful for the past 90 years at providing low cost overnight accommodation to visitors to the Goring Gap. Hill House was donated to the Youth Hostel Association (YHA) by a Streatley resident in



Streatley Youth Hostel up for sale – and social investment is needed quickly to

the 1930s to provide affordable holidays and for the

Dr Suzie Brown is one of America's top surgeons, leading a

This summer Suzie Brown is performing in concerts all over Europe, including London. While in England Suzie is staying with friends in Goring, and has agreed to do an intimate concert at

evening of poetry.

talk at 7.30pm.

FOGL Author Talk – 12 July 7pm The Galilee Room, Ferry Lane, Goring

The poet Vanessa Lampert will be reading a selection of her insightful poems from her anthology of poems 'Say It With Me' and answering questions about her writing and inspiration. She has an MA in writing poetry, has published her first full collection and has run poetry workshops all over the country.

She welcomes other local poets to bring along one of their own poems to share with us on the night and it should be a fun

Doors open at 7pm for refreshments and Vanessa will start her



which has been sent to them cannot be delivered, as it has an improper stamp. In many of these cases, the stamps have been purchased from the Post Office! The One Show has highlighted this problem to make us aware that even if you have purchased the stamp from the Post Office, you may still have a problem having your post delivered.

Stoke which are looking for new volunteers or replacement officers in their not-for-profit charities or other constituted groups. needs volunteers, this article is for you If you think this would be a useful service to help the good work you are doing to support the local community or

The George Michael Legacy Project George Michael's 60th raised over £10,000 for charity last weekend in Goring

Nicole Sharman and The George Michael Legacy Project (GMLP). This year they chose The Hub charity in Goring Arcade as their main charity to support and raised over £6,000 for it along with a further £4,000 for other good causes including the Swan Lifeline, Mayhew and the Terrence Higgins Trust. Much of this was raised by The GMLP outside Barbara's Bric-a-Brac shop. The Miller of Mansfield donated a large sum from their two events, The

individuals, we would like to support you in this way. We would just require you to send us the name of your

Cholsey Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey. Judging of the flower show takes place in the morning before the showground opens to the public. Free entry and car parking. include: Children's vintage carousel

information. **Goring-on-Thames PC**; There will be a car boot sale, stalls and food & drink including a real ale bar. Show Classes in the marquee include vegetables, flowers, flower arranging, domestic produce, handicrafts,

photography and children's classes. For details on all

Click below to see details of four applications for Goring, nine for Streatley, and none for South Stoke. 9 Hill Gardens Streatley Reading RG8 9QF

> Demolition of existing conservatory to be replaced with single storey rear extension. Garage conversion to habitable space and internal alterations. New windows and doors throughout, additional rooflights

> and new roof detailing to existing front and rear bay windows. New canopy over front door and new parapet gable to principle elevation.

Long Close Aldworth Road Streatley Reading RG8 9RB

Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of 1no. dwellinghouse and associated garage; relocation of access and

Vine Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JD

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Structural and conservation works to cellar, east and south elevations.

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accompanying landscaping proposals.

Installation of a EV charge point to the rear of the property. Tethered Ohme Home Pro 7KW Black to be attached to the external wall of the Proposal: 1960's kitchen extension to the property. This will not be visible from street or neighbouring properties. Reference Number: 23/01416/LBC **Consultation Deadline:** 14 July 2023

23/01347/HOUSE 7 July 2023

23/01390/FUL 10 July 2023

23/01464/HOUSE

13 July 2023

23/01465/LBC 13 July 2023

RG4 9EJ dwellings. Not subject to public consultation. P23/S1758/DIS Target decision date 3 July 2023 34 Elvendon Road Goring on Thames RG8 0DU

Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** Location: Proposal:

> Discharge of condition 10 (ground water monitoring) on P22/S0003/RM - erection of 20 dwellings. Not subject to public consultation. P23/S2054/DIS Target decision date 28 July 2023

To comment on any of these stories please email <u>contact@genienews.org</u>

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Thursday 20, Saturday 22 and Saturday 29 July. On these dates GWR will only be able to run a limited service. starting later and finishing much earlier than usual - and most of the network will have no service whatsoever. Trains that are planned to run will be subject to short notice changes and cancellations. There is expected to be an impact on the days before and after strikes too, in particular Friday 21 July.

The Singing Doctor – Suzie Brown visits The Morrell Room as part of her European tour Thurs 6 July 7.30pm Goring and Streatley Full Council meetings Parkinson's support group at the Hub 10.30am · Cholsey Repair Café • Goring Unplugged Musical Picnic on the Rectory Garden from 12 noon

The hostel is currently profitable, with high occupancy rates - but is in need of refurbishment. The YHA is selling the freehold at a considerable discount at a purchase price of £850k with the 'preference' that it is initially maintained as a youth hostel. This may nevertheless result in it being closed and redeveloped resulting in the loss

Mark Kibble on behalf of Friends of Streatley YHA

Tickets are £12 and available at Inspirations, The Arcade Goring (Cash only). Or online at www.trybooking.com/uk/CJYE

been in circulation and the Post Office has been trying to counteract this by increasing the security in the design of the stamps. To this end, the new stamps with their digital code strip have been developed. Unfortunately, a number of customers have been sent notices to say that the letter

In the show on 14 June, the Post Office statement repudiated the claim from the customer and said that without a receipt, they could not take the claim any further. It seems that these stamps have been issued without full extensive testing of the equipment, which is there to check against misuse and counterfeit stamps. Please could everyone who experiences this now and in the future contact the BBC, Watchdog programme: Henley Philatelic Society meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month in Bix Village Hall at

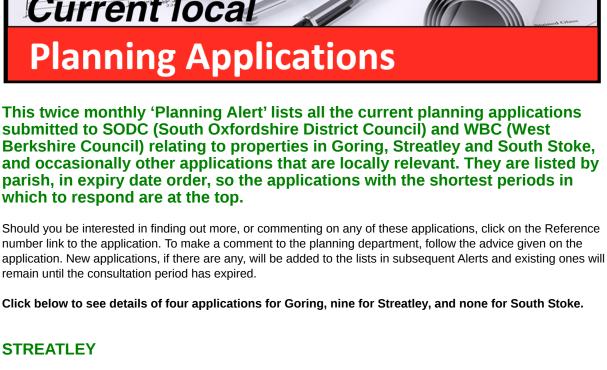
Calling all local volunteer organisations

Genie is considering setting up a new regular monthly item in the Village Matters newsletter. This will list the local organisations in Goring, Streatley and South

The Genie Team

their icon's 60th birthday on 25 June. Called his 'lovelies' by George, they were from all parts of the UK, Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, USA, Fundraising events over the weekend were organised by

> For this 80th anniversary year, the show will have a vintage flavour. Entertainment on the showground will Birds of Prey display from Arden Falconry Music from Cholsey Silver Band Captain Fantastic children's entertainer



14 July 2023 Sunfield Townsend Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions (5) and (9) Allowed on Appeal 21/01179/FULD - Erection of one dwelling and garage and formation of new access. Section 73A application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 17/01476/FULD 23/01429/COND **Consultation Deadline:** 17 July 2023

**Determination Deadline: 18 August 2023** 

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23/01337/LBC

23/01338/FUL

The Bull Reading Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JJ

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Improving an existing gap between the main Bull Inn and its hotel

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Proposed ground floor side and rear extension, front porch and outbuilding. P23/S1955/HH 3 July 2023 **Bridge House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AH** Installation of a 12 panel solar PV system to the south facing roof pitch.

Road Closure – Icknield Road Goring 3 to 5 July inclusive

vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of The alternative routes for traffic are via a combination of Icknield Road – Grove Road – B4009 – Wallingford Road - Elvendon Road - Icknield Road and vice-versa. A copy of the drawing showing the extent of the closure and Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Stuart Maddison of Thames Water on 07747645447.

What's On – for the month of July 2023

on the Genie Calendar your own event for free:

Mon 10 July Tues 11 July

Sat 15 July Mon 17 July Wed 19 July Thurs 20 July Mon 24 July Sun 30 July Cream teas at Withymead

benefit of those who would not otherwise have been able to enjoy the beautiful environment we live in. If this resource is lost that opportunity, and the philanthropic act that created it, will be denied to future generations.

team that specialises in complicated surgery and heart She realised that her patients could benefit from her music. She discovered the power of music to heal, to help patients relax, and to heal physically and emotionally. The Morrell Room, Streatley, when you can meet her and hear her songs. Suzie will be accompanied by well-known guitarist Scot Sax.

Thursday 6 July 2023 7:30 to 9:30pm

Tickets available from the library – £5 including refreshments. You can pay by card when Kate is in the library otherwise cash please.

organisation (including your charity number if you have one), your website or Facebook page, and a sentence about your vacancy or why you need additional volunteers etc., together with relevant contact details. Please note that this service is not meant for local clubs who would like new members, but those organisations who provide a free public service in one way or another. If you think this would help your cause, please email us at <a href="mailto:news@genienews.org">news@genienews.org</a>. As you know, our Genie website already lists all the local charities and organisations in the area in one of the pages under the section 'Local Information', so please check your group is listed there.

George Michael Tribute and The Fleetwood Mac Tribute and the Catherine Wheel held events over the weekend including another GM Tribute, James Bermingham (pictured above in blue). Also, a concert was held in Goring Village Hall where all proceeds went to the Rainbow Trust. The proceeds from all of this fundraising activity over the weekend will benefit charities George Michael quietly supported when he was alive, as well as the new Hub charity. The organisers were very pleased they had made a

classes and to enter visit www.cholseyhortsoc.org.uk. 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 South Stoke PC **Streatley PC**; Current local

3 Place Manor Cottages Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 Location: 9JT

> Land to the east of Manor Road to the south of Little Croft Goring Discharge of condition 3 (materials) on P22/S0003/RM - erection of 20

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-and-building

**Local Parish Councils** 

which to respond are at the top. remain until the consultation period has expired.

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Reference Number: P23/S1898/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 5 July 2023 \* \* \* \* Land to the east of Manor Road to the south of Little Croft Goring Location: RG4 9EJ Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** 

To visit WBC's planning website:

https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations

To retain this facility the local campaigners are looking at options to purchase the site and run the hostel as YHA franchise, possibly as a CIC (Community Interest Company) or similar and return a dividend to investors, secured If you might be interested in this form of social investment – or have suggestions for partnering with other organisations to save the hostel, please get in touch at friendsofstreatleyyha@gmail.com. All enquiries will be kept NB: If you would like to keep in touch with developments, you could join the mailing list of the 'Friends of Streatley Youth Hostel'. For details you can see the latest mailing sent out HERE.

Some new postage stamps faulty and not recognized by the Post Office This information has been passed to us by Steve Hewitt, Club Secretary, the Henley Philatelic Society.

It is well known that a number of counterfeit stamps have

watchdog@bbc.co.uk.

7.30 pm.

Pictured above are just a few of the thousand or more of George Michael's most loyal fans from all over the world who visited Goring for what would have been

Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

positive contribution in this way and have expressed their gratitude to the residents and businesses in Goring for their support during this and all previous events.

Saturday 19 August 2023 12noon to 5pm

The show will take place on the recreation ground next to

The 80th Cholsey Show

Waterford House Vicarage Lane Streatley Reading RG8 9HX Erection of a new dwelling with associated parking and access

https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application Information on how to comment on a WBC application:

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