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Issue 142, 16 September 2023

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 26 September

In this issue: Road closures; Streatley Youth Hostel, School bus; Hub video night; Car park vandals; Q1Care; Walking tennis; Yoga evening; Greenfingers Correction; SODC news; Electric blanket tests; College barge auction – and our latest update of new planning applications.

**Road Closures** 

A plan of the closure can be found at <a href="https://one.network/?tm=GB135613116">https://one.network/?tm=GB135613116</a>. The closure is to enable Volker Highways to carry out stud and lining works on behalf of West Berkshire Council.

closure will take place during the hours of **09.00 to 16.00**.

The closure will be between its junction with Rectory Road and its junction with Wallingford Road.

The diversion route (suitable for all vehicles) is expected to be via: Wallingford Rd (A329), A4130, A417, and vice

versa. A plan of the closure can be found at: <a href="https://one.network/?tm=GB135639986">https://one.network/?tm=GB135639986</a>.

790 874. The purpose of this closure is for a crane to lift various components in and out of an inaccessible area.

Genie readers will be aware that the Youth Hostel Association (YHA) is selling the hostel and our local community is trying to buy the property and save it

had offers from parties who may not wish to keep the hostel running. We want to buy it, keep it as a hostel and

Streatley Youth Hostel – Final call for

help!

shares. Thank You! Going Forward Buses – trav Wallingford School

The bus starts from the railway station at 07.57 and runs via the normal 134 route picking up at all stops on request (Lockstile Way, Milldown Avenue, Elvendon Road, Scout Hut, Springhill Road, Wallingford Road top and all stops in South Stoke village).

The Hub: 13 October Video Race Night

auction with numerous impressive prizes, including an overnight hotel stay and Ascot and Newbury tickets. Tickets can be bought at the Hub (8 The Arcade, Goring

All proceeds will go to support the Hub's wide range of services including new dementia support, in great demand by local elderly residents. For the Hub's other activities, see <a href="www.thehubbtg.org.uk">www.thehubbtg.org.uk</a> or telephone 01491

High Street, RG8 9AY), at the Golf Club (01491 873229) or online via Ticket Tailor

https://buytickets.at/thehubbridgingthegap/1004806.

Vandals have struck (for a second time), and

Late on Friday 1 September, the contents of the remaining three

destroyed all the floral displays in Goring's Wheel

On 24 July, as reported in the 30 August issue of Genie Village Matters, a single container was destroyed and the contents were thrown down the

containers were thrown into the same ladies toilet cubicle (pictured right).

The photograph below shows what displays should be there now. The Goring-on-Thames in Bloom volunteers who provide them, along with all

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ladies toilet.

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**Orchard Car Park** 

If anyone has any information about this please contact Thames Valley Police on 101 Quoting Crime Ref: INC-2023 0902-0743.

The Press Release issued by Melanie about the sale is **HERE**. For further information, please contact Melanie on <a href="melanie.meads@q1foundation.org.uk">melanie.meads@q1foundation.org.uk</a>. **Walking Tennis** Starts Wednesday 20 September

beginners, anyone wanting to get back to tennis or experienced players who need a different pace

• What do I need to bring? A racquet if you have one and tennis shoes or non-marking trainers. When is it? Sessions every Wednesday 1-2pm, followed by coffee and chat 2-2:30pm at Goring Tennis Club, Sheepcot recreation ground, Gatehampton Road, Goring RG8 0NA.

due to health issues or injury.

Sessions will be weekly from 20 September for ten

weeks, excluding 25 October and weather permitting.

These sessions are open to non-members and the first 10 sessions are FREE. To get involved or for more

**Autumn Equinox 'Yoga & Sound Evening'** 

23 September 2023. 6:30 - 8:00 pm

CORRECTION

Filipova-Rivers

August/September 2023

The report features the following:

 Capital Grant Scheme SODC Offices

South Oxfordshire.

**Local Parish Councils** 

**Goring-on-Thames PC**;

Streatley PC;

South Stoke PC

and further useful general information.

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Q1Care Ltd, domiciliary and live-in care provider founded by Melanie Meads, has been sold to Simon Mahony of the

Commission. Details can be seen HERE.

no longer be associated with Melanie Meads.



Starts WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

n is open to non-members and the first 10 session involved or for more information contact Jane Ca

Autumn Equinox

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GREENFINGERS

AUTUMN PLANT SALE

SAT.30TH SEPTEMBER 10.AM-12.AM AT THE FREE CHURCH HALL HIGH ST.GORING SALE OF BULBS, PLANTS PRE LOVED GARDEN TOOLS GARDEN PRODUCE INC. JAMS

REFRESHMENTS .. TEA , COFFEE CAKES, FUN TOMBOLA CASH SALES ONLY

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**COUNCIL NEWS** 

GARDENING CLUB

VILLAGE

Anyone for Walking

In our last edition, in the 'What's On in September', we mistakenly stated the venue for the Village Greenfingers Autumn Plant Sale to take place

on 30 September as Goring Village Hall. This should have been the

Goring Free Church Hall, as stated in the poster.

We apologise for any confusion we may have caused.

**SODC News from Councillor Maggie** 

• Councillor Community Grants Funding

 New Food Action Working Group Launched · South Oxfordshire Bathing Water Status • Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

• Our landscapes and what's changing them

• New grant scheme opportunity for Electric Vehicle

• Permitted development rights changes To see it in full click **HERE**. Reminder – Free electric blanket safety tests

on Tuesday 19 September by Oxfordshire's

Fire & Rescue Service for all residents in

As reported in the previous issue, you need to book as

1) by telephone on 01865 859999, choosing Option 3,

There are 3 ways to book your appointment:

2) email duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk and

soon as possible, if you haven't already, as appointments are limited and on a first come / first served basis.

3) online on Oxfordshire County Council's website **HERE**. The

venue will be at Didcot Fire Station, The Broadway, Didcot,

The auction for the Swan's College Barge was concluded on 31 August as advertised

Details of the auction and reasons for the sale were reported in Genie's 16 August edition and can be seen **HERE**.

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 six applications for Goring, one for Streatley, and one for South Stoke. **STREATLEY** 

**GORING Buildings Adjacent 1 Grove Farm Cottages Grove Road Goring** Location: RG8 0LU Discharge of condition 3(Foul drainage) on P20/S2989/FUL - removal Proposal: of 2 bays of agricultural building; alterations to brick & flint building; provision of new dwelling & access. Not subject to public consultation. Reference Number:

Reference Number: P23/S2886/DIS **Consultation Deadline:** \* \* \* \* Location:

Information on how to comment on a SODC application:

Reference Number:

<u>application</u>

**Consultation Deadline:** 

To visit SODC's planning website:

oga & Sound Evening A relaxing, candlelit Autumn Equinox 'Yoga & Sound Evening' to raise money for Goring Primary School. Adults, teens and children over age 8 welcome. Saturday 23rd September Goring Village Hall 6.30pm \*£20 adult \* £5 child/teen

South Oxfordshire District Council • £50,000 fund to increase biodiversity and encourage public access to green spaces Have Your Say Open Consultations and Engagement (closing date for comments 29 September) HOW SAFE IS YOUR ELECTRIC BLANKET JOIN US for free refreshments and information about keeping safe and well. SEPTEMBER 2023

Thursday 21st West Oxfordshire Friday 22nd Vale of White Hors

Monday 2nd Cxford City
Tuesday 3rd South Oxfords
Wednesday 4th Cherwell

Thursday 5th West Oxfordshire Friday 6th Vale of White Hors

01865 895999 Option 3

OCTOBER 2023

which to respond are at the top.

Location:

Proposal:

Reference Number:

26 September 2023 **Consultation Deadline:** SOUTH STOKE Location: Proposal:

Location: The Dormers Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES Front, side and rear extension, alterations to the dormers and internal Proposal: alterations Reference Number: P23/S2807/HH Location: Gattendon Lodge Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 9LU

To visit WBC's planning website:

This twice monthly 'Planning Alert' lists all the current planning applications

Target decision date 25 October 2023 http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application

To comment on any of these stories please email <a href="mailto:contact@genienews.org">contact@genienews.org</a>





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other issues associated with this information.

1. B4009 to Newbury at Hampstead Norreys Nightly 18 to 23 September, 19.00 to 05.00 Newbury Road and Newbury Hill in the Parish of Hampstead Norreys will be closed. The closure is from approx. 100m before the junction of Eling Road to its junction with Unnamed Road from Ilsley Road to Newbury Please note that this means you cannot access West Berks Hospital via the B4009 during these times. The diversion route will be signed on-site. All enquiries please contact West Berkshire Council on 01635 519080. 2. Road Closure - Wantage Road, Streatley Wantage Road in Streatley will be closed on two separate dates, 25 September 2023 and 6 October 2023 each Please Note: Blue light access (within the hours described above) should seek an alternative route. Residential access will be maintained throughout, and the diversion will be signed on site. All enquiries should be directed to: UK Drainage Claims Ltd on 07554 017 427 or Southern Cranes on 01430

from development (See previous Genie issue No 140 HERE.) The deadline is very short, just a week, as the YHA has develop it as a community asset to secure its future. To date we have had interest and some money offered – but we urgently need more pledges of funds by sociallyminded local people to enable us to mount a credible bid. Your investment would not be a gift, as you would be buying into the freehold so your money is safe. If you can help please email us at friendsofstreatleyyha@gmail.com as soon as possible for more information on the proposal and to apply for

Going Forward Buses currently has up to three seats still available for pupils on the bus services to and from Wallingford School. The return journey leaves the school at around 15.15. Places need to be reserved for the whole term. If anyone is interested please contact <a href="mailto:littlebluebus@yahoo.com">littlebluebus@yahoo.com</a>. First come first served! Mike Ward, Managing Director

Tickets for the Hub's video horse racing night went on sale on 13 September. Last year they were sold out very quickly leaving many potential punters disappointed. So, if you fancy all the fun and thrills of going to the races, in the comfort of the Goring & Streatley Golf Club, get your tickets fast! It will be held on lucky Friday 13 October doors open 18:30, first race circa 19:00 and prizes before Tickets cost £17 per person (or you can buy a table of 6-14 to sit with friends) and include a glass of wine upon arrival, table nibbles and a one-course waiter-service supper of sausage, mash, peas and, of course, gravy! In addition to betting on the horses, there will be a raffle and

the other displays in Goring High Street, reported the incident to the Police on Saturday morning, 2 September.

Melanie Meads, who started Q1Care many years ago, has passed it on to another organisation in order to concentrate solely on the independent charity she also set up, The Hub, based in Goring Arcade.

The Hub charity, known as The Hub, is registered as Q1Foundation (charity No 1185960) with the Charity

The Hub will continue to operate as a a separate entity in Goring Arcade as it has always done.

To avoid any confusion with names, it is the business that has now been sold. It will retain the name Q1Care and

Tennis? What is it? Tennis played at a gentler pace on normal courts with a softer ball which can bounce twice. No running or jumping but be as competitive as you like! Support is available for those who need it. • Who is it for? Any adult! Suitable for complete

For details and how to book please click **HERE**.

information contact Jane Cartledge on: 07718267878 or by email: <a href="mailto:chairman@goring-tennis.co.uk">chairman@goring-tennis.co.uk</a>.

The Swan's management have yet to announce the successful bidder but hope to do shortly. Genie will report the details of the outcome in our next edition on 30 September.

Current local **Planning Applications** 

White Gables Wallingford Road South Stoke RG8 0HY roof lantern. New structural opening to existing dwelling. Reference Number: P23/S2860/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 20 September 2023

23/01992/HOUSE

Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) on P23/S0062/HH - front Proposal: two and single storey extension. Not subject to public consultation Target decision date 6 October 2023 **Chauntsingers Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BJ** Proposal: Retrospective – 6 x 4.2m garden room in garden of existing dwelling

P23/S2929/LDP

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 NB: Genie News will endeavour to make these alerts as comprehensive and accurate as possible, but Genie and its volunteers cannot accept any responsibility for any omissions, errors, incorrect links or

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P23/S2642/DIS **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 15 September 2023 Location: Yew House Elmhurst Walk Goring RG8 9DE Single story rear extension with external covered area with associated Proposal: internal alterations, replacement windows and new door opening. Reference Number: P23/S2837/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 27 September 2023 Hampton House 21b Gatehampton Road Goring Oxfordshire RG8 Location: Proposal: Construction of garage to side of property. Reference Number: P23/S2967/HH 2 October 2023 **Consultation Deadline:** 

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-Council to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes **MEETINGS & MINUTES** Streatley GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL southstokeparish counci

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 Should you be interested in finding out more, or commenting on any of these applications, click on the Reference Proposed construction of additional first floor with rooms in attic space

**Upcot Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LD** over existing ground floor, additional ground floor extension providing main entrance to new proposal and the relocation of existing garage with store to access off of Wantage Road, plus new 7.00kW solar panel system to South (roof) elevation. Single storey rear extension with timber cut flat roof and double glazed

http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/comment-planning-and-building/fi