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Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

Issue 143, 30 September 2023

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 October

In this issue: Road closure and rail strikes; October What's On; New PO service; Goring in Bloom success; Repair Café; Barge sold; new Goring businesses; Concert 28 Oct; Final electric blanket testing - and our latest update of new planning applications.

Emergency Closure of Streatley High Update on Public Information message

sent last night

The High Street is closed near the main entrance to the Swan Car Park. There is vehicular access to the Swan from Goring only and to the Morrell Room and

church from Streatley only. Pedestrian access from both sides is maintained. This emergency road closure is to enable SGN to repair a gas leak.

diversion route will be signed on site. Please note blue light access will not be maintained. This is a fluid situation and although one gas leak has been located and repaired the work is not completed and so even if the road is temporarily reopened it may have to be closed again in the near future. This is the position at 6.15pm on Saturday 30 September.

A plan of the closure can be found at https://one.network/?tm=GB135837286. But note that Goring High Street is open. **More Rail Strikes**

Both today (30 September) and on Wednesday 4

All enquiries should be directed to SGN on 0800 975 1818.

30 September, Wednesday 4 October and Monday 2 to Friday 6 October

Disruption is also likely on the days following strikes too.

October, the ASLEF (train drivers) union will be on strike at GWR, as well as at other train operators. This means they will only have a very limited service in place, and most of the network will have no service whatsoever.

Where they are able to operate, services will start later and finish much earlier than usual. They may also be

Journey planners have now been updated and for more information please visit the dedicated webpage: www.gwr.com/strike. You are advised to check before travelling. ASLEF are also taking action short of strike from Monday 2 to Friday 6 October inclusive. GWR are planning on running a full timetable but again some services may be disrupted as they do not have their full complement of spare drivers.

subject to short-notice alterations or cancellations.

The Post Office is introducing a new service at Jack's/Westholme Store, Wallingford Road, Goring From next Monday, 2 October

The new service will provide a local place where you can drop off a parcel for which you have already pre-paid You can also collect any parcel sent to you. DROP & COLLECT For further information please visit:

What's On – for the month of October Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the Genie Calendar

Consultation Hub – Wallingford Road Drop & Collect RG8

your own event for free: Eclectic selection this month: Kimonos, Horse racing,

mandolins, mutiny and more.

Tues 10 October

Wed 11 October

Thurs 19 October

Mon 23 October

Fri 27 October

Sat 28 October

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Wed 4 October • Goring Gap News copy deadline: 12 noon • Village Greenfingers: Beautiful Bonsai Sat 7 October Goring Repair Café 11am -1.30pm

Please go there for details and more events, or to add

• The Hub Charity Race Night 6.30-10.30pm Fri 13 October • Jazz club: Mike Wilkins plays Dexter Gordon 7pm Sat 14 October The Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir 7.30pm

Mon 16 October Wed 18 October Library Smartphone/Tablet Café 10-11.30am Author talk by Peter Adamson 7pm Galilee Room

Wed 25 October The Arts Society Goring: Palmyra: Bride of the Desert Thurs 26 October • Goring Gap u3a: The Burford Mutiny Gap Comedy: Jo Caulfield 7.15pm

Half term week

WI: The Art of Kimono! 7.30pm

Pick-a-flick: Mrs Lowry & Son

Simon Mayor & Friends 8pm Morrell Room

Goring Chamber Choir Concert 3pm

REMINDER – Goring Repair Café on next Saturday 7 October in Goring Village Hall

This will be the 4th event for getting your broken items repaired by skilled volunteer repairers will

As usual we should have between 12 and 16 repairers on duty, who will attempt to fix most things you bring in, including your bikes & buggies, garden machinery,

take place in Goring Village Hall next Saturday

between 11am and 1.30pm.

electrical and other household appliances, computers & phones, guitars, small items of furniture, decorative boxes, tools, mower blades and knives and other items that need sharpening. (Sorry, no textile repairers available at this time.) We have at least a 60% success rate and this helps to avoid the need to buy a replacement product, saving carbon and other greenhouse emissions generated by manufacturing and shipping, often from far-away places.

A good day for Goring at the Thames & **Chilterns RHS Awards** The Goring-on-Thames in Bloom team won 3 Awards including the coveted regional 'Pride of Place' Award

(Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire) which constitutes the Thames and Chilterns Region of the

Goring won a Gold Award in the 'Small Town' category (as its population is just over the limit to be classified as a Large Village), and also won the trophy for the highest marks in the entire category. Entrants need to score 85%

Two new businesses opening soon in the same premises in Goring High

Husband and wife, Melanie and Nigel Helen, will be transferring their respective businesses to No 3 Goring High Street (next to Warmingham) in early October. Cranberry Blue, Melanie's events business, will be on the ground floor, and Nigel's financial

Cranberry Blue is a luxury event planning consultancy

advice service will be upstairs.

www.hendredfinancialpartners.co.uk.

Street around 20 October

while ago.

Barking Club – a new dog grooming

salon and shop will open in Goring High

It will be located next to the PO Sorting Office, where the previous doggy boutique was, before it closed a

there for 4 years, so many previous customers will be pleased to see her back. Anna is a member of the Guild

9.30am and 5.30pm Tuesday to Saturday.

Barge at the Swan, Streatley

Goodbye to the Magdalen College

of the barge when the restoration is complete.

residents in South Oxfordshire

There are 3 ways to book your appointment:

first served basis.

Oxfordshire's Fire & Rescue Service for all

The second and last appointment date offered for these

free tests is Tuesday 3 October, between 9am and 1pm.

As the season of remembrance approaches, Goring Chamber Choir is taking a fresh look at music that has been written over the centuries for times of grieving. Familiar music such as the In paradisum from Fauré's Requiem and Purcell's Thou knowest, Lord (sung at the funeral service for HM the late Queen

Elizabeth II), set beside new and contemporary settings giving a positive light, such as Richard Shepherd's Holy is the true light. The choir will also sing glorious ecstatic music, such as Bainton's And I saw a new heaven, Ireland's Greater love and Wood's Hail, gladdening light, which will ensure that everyone comes away uplifted! The audience will also have a chance to

Tickets: £15, free for under 18's, Obtainable from Inspiration,

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-

to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes

Goring, or from a choir member, or on the door.

join in amidst choir and readings.

Local Parish Councils

Goring-on-Thames PC;

Streatley PC;

South Stoke PC

and further useful general information.

You need to book as soon as possible, if you haven't already, as appointments are limited and on a first come /

Following the auction of the historic barge, which took place on the 31 August, as first announced in the 16 July issue of Genie, it was towed away from its mooring on the bank of the Swan hotel on 21 September where it had been an iconic landmark for

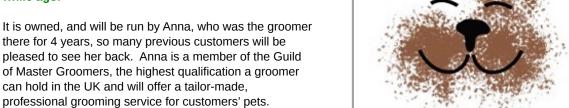
the people and the community.

FAQs: www.goringrepaircafe.info.

Royal Horticultural Society.

of pride of place with the team and the residents." They are looking forward to returning again next year! Picture, L - R: Ron Bridle (Project Manager), Janet Hurst (Secretary), Miles Watson-Smyth (MD Window Flowers), Stephanie Bridle (Chair) and David Slarks (Volunteer).

offering a comprehensive planning service for a wide range of events such as weddings, fashion and corporate events and brand launches, along with special milestone birthdays and children's parties etc. They have over 15 years of experience in the events sector and are on the recommended supplier list of prestigious venues such as Blenheim Palace, Cliveden House, Claridge's and The Mandarin Oriental. www.cranberryblue.co.uk. Hendred Financial Partners provides straightforward, easy to understand, financial advice to individuals,



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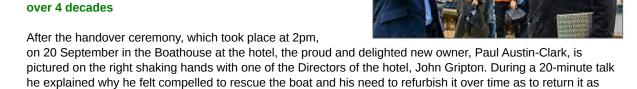
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close as possible to its former glory. Paul, an Oxfordshire carpenter and boat-builder with a passion for saving this historic craft, will do much of the renovation work himself. The barge was launched in 1927 as a replacement for the rowing spectator craft which had been used since 1887. This one, which was bought by a previous owner of the hotel for £15,000 in 1979, has survived so long due to its innovative design of the 40-ton ferro-concrete

Tuesday 3 October – Your last chance for HOW SAFE IS YOUR free electric blanket safety tests by

the failure rate at testing being about 30%, it's well worth getting your blankets tested. **Goring Chamber Choir presents** We will remember them St Thomas' Church, Goring. Saturday 28 October, 2023 at 3pm

Music director: Frances Brewitt-Taylor Accompanist: Steve Bowey. http://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk.

Current local **Planning Applications**

which to respond are at the top.

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will remain until the consultation period has expired.

SOUTH STOKE None **GORING** Hampton House 21b Gatehampton Road Goring Oxfordshire RG8 Location: Construction of garage to side of property. Proposal: Reference Number: P23/S2967/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 2 October 2023

alterations

P23/S2807/HH

4 October 2023

P23/S2886/DIS

P23/S3115/HH 12 October 2023

19 October 2023

P23/S2929/LDP

form a gym.

projection 23/01882/HOUSE

13 October 2023

Click below to see details of seven applications for Goring, one for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

New Dawn The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL

Part storey and a half and part first floor extension, and re-roof rear

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Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** To visit SODC's planning website:

P23/S3249/HH 25 October 2023 http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application

introduction of a pair of dormer windows and small balconies above existing bay windows, roof lights and solar panels, and replacement windows. The proposals also include the replacement of the existing double garage with a new double garage with a home office space

Double storey side extension and revisions to the internal layout.

Retrospective – 6 x 4.2m garden room in garden of existing dwelling

The Beeches 1 Long Meadow Goring RG8 9EG

Chauntsingers Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BJ

Target decision date 25 October 2023

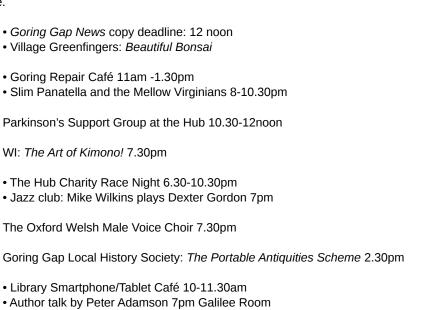
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http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/comment-planning-and-building

Residential access to Streatley High Street from the Bull traffic lights will be maintained throughout, and the





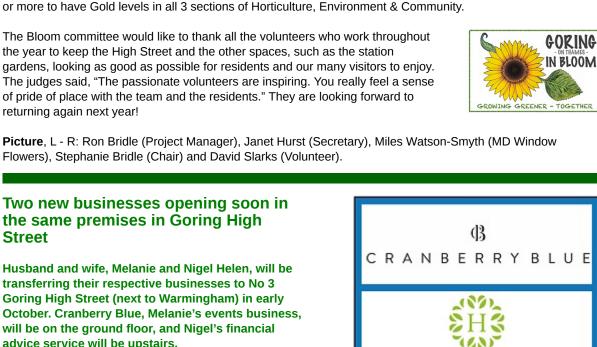




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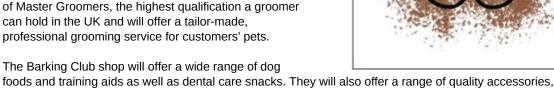
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Barking Club



Further details and reservations are available at www.barking-club.co.uk and they will be open between

including dog beds, collars, leashes plus all the other essentials such as dog bowls etc.

hull which remains sound although the wooden superstructure is in need of a great deal of restoration. The day after the handover, the craft was towed downstream to Whitchurch-on-Thames where it will over-winter on the Hardwick Estate until a permanent mooring is agreed, possibly near its original Magdalen College home in Oxford. The intention is that it will be utilized as a floating venue for educational use and creative performances

restoration costs are largely in place although he has opened a crowdfunding GoFundMe page to raise a further, relatively small additional sum to restore the railings of the top observation deck, which wasn't fully factored in during the original restoration calculations. Donors who are able to give £200 or more will be given a full day hire

by the River Learning Trust and also hired out for various social occasions. The new owner has said the

1) by telephone on 01865 859999 / Option 3, 2) email duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk and 3) online on Oxfordshire County Council's website HERE. The venue is Didcot Fire Station. If you know friends or neighbours who have made appointments on the same day, car sharing may be a good idea to save fuel and reduce parking costs. Fire service statistics show that electric blankets account for over 5,000 fires in homes a year so, with

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 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

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GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

The Dormers Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES Front, side and rear extension, alterations to the dormers and internal Gattendon Lodge Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 9LU Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) on P23/S0062/HH - front two and single storey extension. Not subject to public consultation Target decision date 6 October 2023 **Bridleway House Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS** Extension and refurbishment works at Bridleway House, Goring-on-Thames, including demolition of existing side and rear extensions, and construction of new single storey kitchen extension at rear, new extension to north elevation, refurbishment of roof space and

Stow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL Internal remodelling of existing residence, proposed basement extension, proposed patio extension and proposed new outbuilding to

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

Information on how to comment on a SODC application:

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