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Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 October

In this issue: Two road closures; Talk by local author; Genie calendar; Free yoga session; News from the Hub, Crime figures – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Two Road Closures

1. Streatley High Street Closure

22:00 on Friday 20 October to 06.00 on Sunday 29 October. The closure is between its junction with A329 Wallingford Road (Bull traffic lights) to the West Berks District Boundary.



Access down the High Street to and from the Church and Morrell Room will still be permitted. The hard closure will be in place just after Church Lane, so there will be no access from Streatley High Street to the Swan Hotel main entrance. There will be in and out access to the Swan from Goring via the bridge. A detailed map of the closure can be seen below.



Access to the High Street from Wallingford Road will be for residents and businesses only; 'gatemen' will be on site to assist. It is envisaged that pedestrian and cycle access across the bridge will be maintained.

The diversion route will be signed on site. Please note blue light access via alternative route only. A plan of the closure can be found at <u>HERE</u>.

Local residents will know that a much shorter diversion is via Pangbourne, the B471 over Whitchurch Toll Bridge **(cash only,** 60p per car per crossing, queues likely at rush hour), Crays Pond and down the B4526 Reading Road to Goring.

SGN need to carry out work to upgrade the gas infrastructure as a matter of high priority. All enquiries should be directed to SGN on 0800 912 1700 or via email to lett.com.

2. Closure of A340 beyond Tidmarsh

Overnight 23/24 October and 24/25 October. 20.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs

This road will be closed overnight from 20:00 hours on 23 October to 06:00 hours on 24 October 2023 and from 20:00 hours on 24 October to 06:00 hours on 25 October 2023. The closure will be between its junction with Tidmarsh Lane (near The Greyhound pub and the turning to Sulham) and its junction with Chalk Pit Farm Road (the road to Bradfield just over the M4).

An alternative route is via A340 The Street, A340 Tidmarsh Road, A340 Church Road, A329 High Street, A329 Reading Road, A329 Purley Rise, A329 Reading Road, A329 Oxford Road, Chatham Street, A329 Inner Distribution Road (Southbound), A4155, A4 Bath Road, A340 Road Known as Pangbourne Road, A340 Pangbourne Road and vice versa. A plan of the closure can be found at this LINK.

Residential access will be maintained throughout, and the diversion route will be signed on site. Please note blue light access will not be maintained.

This expedient road closure is to enable Foremost Tree Surgeons Ltd to carry out extensive tree felling works on behalf of West Berkshire Council, on trees suffering with Ash die-back. All enquiries should be directed to

Talk by Local Author Peter Adamson

7pm Wednesday 18 October, Galilee Room, Our Lady & St John Church, Ferry Lane, Goring

Peter Adamson will be talking about the 'stories behind the stories' in his new book, *I need you to be Harold*, which is a collection of short stories, including the prize-winning *Sahel*.

He is well know locally for his book centred on the Wittenham Clumps, *Landmark in Time* and his latest political thriller, *The Kennedy Moment*.



Doors open 7pm and the talk starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets, which include a complimentary drink, are £5 and can be bought in the library. Cash is preferred as the card machine is not always available. This is being arranged by FOGL and all profits will go to the library.

Calling all Event Organisers

The Genie Calendar and Event Planner is an excellent, free way to advertise your event. It is seen by a large number of readers, including many who live outside Goring and Streatley

To look at the Calendar page on the *Genie* website click the link: <u>www.genienews.org</u>. Then just follow the

instructions above the Calendar to submit your entries to the calendar manager via the online form, or via an email with full details.

You can submit your entry to the Calendar at any time – the earlier the better. Full information is then available for all to see. By adding your event you are 'saving the date' as others will be discouraged from organising an event at the same time.

In *Genie's* end-of-month 'Village Matters' e-newsletter we highlight events selected from the Calendar, providing possible further publicity.

If you are submitting information to the *GGN* Diary why not submit it to *Genie* at the same time, to give your event maximum coverage at no extra cost or effort to you?

Free Yoga Session to Pause your 'pause with Emma Horwill

Come to Goring Library at 7pm on Wednesday 25 October to find out about a course to help you to help yourself through the menopause, which will be run in partnership with FOGL in February and March 2024.

You will be welcomed with herbal teas and a chat about the course, before a practice of a short series of movements and breaths. Please wear comfy layers and bring a mat or cushion to sit on.





To give us an idea of numbers, please call Kate on 01491 873028 or pop into the Library to book in person.

News from The Hub

BBC Radio Berkshire 'Make a Difference Awards'

A recent highlight was their recognition in the BBC Radio Berkshire 'Make a Difference Awards.' Melanie Meads, the founder and trustee of The Hub, along with the organisation itself, were runners-up in this prestigious competition. This recognition highlights the substantial impact The Hub has had on the local community, competing against a strong field of worthy causes.



Skydive in September

This daring endeavour, involving five brave participants, saw them take to the skies for a sponsored tandem skydive. Their jump from a Cessna Caravan aircraft, from over two miles high, was not just an adrenaline rush but a significant fundraiser. After covering the costs, they raised an impressive £1,305.

Looking ahead

On Friday 1 December, 2023, the Hub will be participating in the **Goring Christmas Shopping evening**. The event promises a delightful array of activities, including the ever-popular Santa's Grotto, Punch & Judy show, an open evening at the local veterinary clinic, performances by Goring Primary School children, a hog-roast and various stalls with Christmas gift ideas.

Supporting The Hub – Bridging the Gap

Every penny raised at all of The Hub's endeavours goes towards supporting their wide range of services that make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need in Goring, Streatley, and the surrounding villages. For those who wish to contribute to The Hub, donations are always welcomed. These can be made in person, by cheque (payable to the registered charity name, Q1 Foundation), via bank transfer, or online through JustGiving. Charity No 1185960.



Upcoming EVENTS on the

CALENDAR & PLANNER

<u>I need you</u>

The latest list of local crimes in the Goring area reported to *Genie* by the Thames Valley Police

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18 Sept	Concern for welfare – Young male	
19 Sept	Drug offences	
24 Sept	Concern for safety	
27 Sept	Burglary – Shed in Springhill Road*	
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27 Sept	Suspicious other – Cloned registration plates	
28 Sept	Public Order	
4 Oct	Report of Stalking	
4 Oct	Public order	
6 Oct	Theft of fuel	
6 Oct	Mental Health incident	
7 Oct	Concern for safety	
10 Oct	Action Fraud	
11 Oct	Adult protection	
13 Oct	Suspicious package – Rucksack left at train sta	tion



*Thefts of lawn mowers and tools.

Local Parish Councils

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for upto-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 six applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:

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Proposal:

Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:

SOUTH STOKE

Location:

Proposal:

Reference Number: Consultation Deadline: Place Manor Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JS Erection of single-storey, oak-framed dwelling. 23/02246/FUL 1 November 2023

Elm Lodge Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JR Yew - Remove 2m from lateral spread, 2m from height, raise by 1m tips only, clear from house by 2m and remove deadwood. 23/02342/TPC Determination Deadline 17 November 2023

Icknield Farm House Icknield Road Ipsden OX10 6AS Demolish existing single storey barn and replace with a new one and a half storey two bedroom ancillary annexe. P23/S3030/HH 24 October 2023

GORING

Proposal: Dou Reference Number: <u>P23</u>	e Beeches 1 Long Meadow Goring RG8 9EG uble storey side extension and revisions to the internal layout <u>3/S3213/HH</u> October 2023		
Location: Lar	Land to the west of Wallingford Road RG8 0JA Variation of conditions (Approved Plans, Tree Protection, Surface & Foul Water, Ground Levels, Landscaping, Materials) on P20/S4706/FUL –Transitional Hybrid Energy Project and associated infrastructure		
Proposal: Fou P20			
	3/S3028/S73 October 2023		
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Proposal: Cor Reference Number: <u>P23</u>	auntsingers Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BJ nstruction of 6 x 4.2m garden room <u>3/S2929/LDP</u> rget decision date 25 October 2023		
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Location: Sto	ow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL		
	Internal remodelling of existing residence; basement & patio extensions; outbuilding for gym		
	P23/S3249/HH 25 October 2023		
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Location: 1 S	loane Close Goring RG8 0EL		
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	P23/S3272/HH 8 November 2011		
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Proposal: Inve Ene	Investigation) on application P20/S4706/FUL – Transitional Hybrid Energy Project and associated infrastructure. Not subject to public consultation.		
Reference Number: P23	3/S3407/DIS rget decision date 17 November 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: <u>http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/comment-planning-application</u>

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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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Village Matters reports on topical events and items of interest to local residents. It is published at the middle and end of each month. It includes planning applications for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke which are open for comment at the date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, the items will refer to Goring-on-Thames, Streatley, South Stoke and the surrounding villages.

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