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Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Issue 147, 30 November 2023

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 December.

In this issue: Goring road closures; Rail disruption; Planning Appeal & Application; Social Media appeal; December What's On; Goring Late Night Shopping; Repair Café; January concert; Chef King - and our latest update of new planning applications.

Two Road Closures in Goring in December

1. B4009 Wallingford Road, Goring to Mongewell

Weekdays only – Monday 4 December 2023 to Friday 15 December inclusive – 09.30 to 15.30. This closure will be between the junction with Lockstile Way and the junction with the A4074 at Mongewell.

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

The alternative route for traffic is via the B4009 – B4526 – B471 – A4074 and vice-versa. A copy of the drawing showing the extent of the closure and the alternative route for traffic can be seen HERE.

In the interests of public safety, it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close the whole B4009 Wallingford Road to facilitate carriageway patching works. Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Oxfordshire County Council on 0345 310 11 11.

2. Springhill Road, Goring. 24 hour closure

16 December to 17 December 2023

Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

Suggested alternative route: via Springhill Road, Icknield Road, Elevendon Road, Wallingford Road, Springhill Road and vice versa. Please see HERE for more information.

Rail disruption in December

STOP PRESS! We have just heard that there will be very few GWR trains running on Sunday 3 December, due to the 'action short of a strike' by Aslef.

1. Train drivers to strike on 3, 6 & 7 December and disrupt services 1-9 December Aslef strikes will affect South Western Railway (SWR), including services from Reading to Wokingham, Bracknell, southwest London and Waterloo as well as connections at Basingstoke. SWR drivers are walking out on Wednesday 6 December. Disruption is also expected the evening before and morning after.

Members of Aslef will be striking on GWR routes on 3 and 7 December. Many parts of its network will have no service whatsoever and, where they are able to run, services will start late and finish much earlier than usual. GWR advises anyone who wishes to travel to check before doing so at www.gwr.com/check. For full information please visit GWR's dedicated strike page: https://www.gwr.com/strike.

2. Paddington main line and Elizabeth line closed 24-27 December inclusive

From Sunday 24 to Wednesday 27 December inclusive there will be no train services into or out of London Paddington. This applies to both main line and Elizabeth line trains. As usual, there will be no service anywhere on the GWR network on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

On 24 and 27 December, long-distance and most local services on GWR will start and terminate at Reading. A limited GWR and Elizabeth line service will run between Reading and Ealing Broadway. GWR daytime services will include one train an hour in each direction between Didcot Parkway and Ealing Broadway, calling at Goring & Streatley.

For further details please click <u>HERE</u>.

New Date for Public Hearing and New Planning Application for land known as field adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway off B4526 Reading Road Goring RG8 0LL

Public Hearing:

Genie recently reported on the postponement, due to sickness of the planning inspector, of the 3-day Public Hearing for the Appeal by the applicant. A new date has just been announced for the 3-day Appeal – 7/8/9 April 2024. More details about this case and the exact location of the land/areas of development on it can be found via these 2 links: P23/S0297/DA and P23/S0298/DA.

New Planning Application:

Meanwhile the owner of the field has submitted a new planning application for the site, 'Proposing the material change of use of land for mixed use of Equestrian and Residential ... providing 1 Static Caravan/Mobile Home and 1 Touring Caravan, alongside ancillary development.' Full details here: P23/S3743/FUL.

Please Note - any comments on the above application must be received by SODC by 7 December 2023.

This, and other local applications, are always recorded in our regular fortnightly listing of all new planning applications, along with the consultation deadlines for comments, at the end of this newsletter.

What's On – for the month of December 2023

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the Genie Calendar

Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free

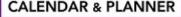








Merry Christmas to all our calendar readers. Goring Library's 'Advent Window' trail runs all this month - pick up your map from the Library.



Fri 1 Dec	5-7pm Goring Christmas Shopping Evening at the Library
Sat 2 Dec	10-12.30pm Goring Repair Café
Sun 3 Dec	4pm GSCB Starter Band Christmas Concert
Mon 4 Dec	7.45pm Writing Group at Goring Library
Tues 5 Dec	5pm Library Book Group
Wed 6 Dec	 10am Stay and Play at the Library 7.30pm Village Greenfingers: Christmas Social
Fri 8 Dec	10.30am Games, Puzzles and Scrabble7pm Goring Community Jazz
Sun 10 Dec	3pm Goring & Streatley Concert Band Christmas concert
Tues 12 Dec	Genie News – Copy deadline
Wed 13 Dec	 10.30am Christmas fun at the Library 7.30pm WI Christmas party with Pandemonium Band
Mon 18 Dec	2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society – talk about Shaw House, Newbury
Tues 19 Dec	4.45pm Scrabble Club at the Library
Wed 20 Dec	10.30am Christmas Storytime & crafts for pre-school children at the Library
Thurs 21 Dec	10.30am Pick a Flick Mamma Mia
Fri 22 Dec	7.30pm Goring Unplugged Christmas Special
Mon 25 Dec	Christmas Day
Sun 31 Dec	New Year's Eve

Are you good at social media – and would you like to use your skills to help our local community?

Genie would love to hear from you if you can help - for just an hour or so every 2 weeks and occasionally to send out urgent information in-between times.

Our small team of unpaid volunteers are looking for a public-spirited person who could manage our social media accounts on Facebook, X and Instagram and post some of the items we put in our free fortnightly newsletters to ensure more people hear about them.

In addition, we use social media not just for this 'Village Matters' newsletter, but also for our red-topped emergency bulletin 'Public Information', the one we send out to communicate urgent information, sometimes within the hour if necessary. Having someone who can post a quick message on social media is really important on these occasions. We have sent out over 200 free bulletins to subscribers in over 20 local villages since we started in 2017 and this is a unique community service, so please have a look at our Genie website for more

Just a little of your time would be so helpful. If you may be able to help, please contact us for a chat at <u>news@genienews.org</u>. Thank you!

REMINDER – Goring Late Night Shopping

information about us and what we do beyond sending out these newsletters.

Tomorrow (Friday) evening, 1 December, 5pm - 8pm

In the Arcade, Father Christmas will be welcoming the children in Inspiration and Punch & Judy will be making appearances to entertain everyone. There will be plenty of tasty BBQ and other food and drink available including some complimentary Prosecco, we hear. Listening to the choir and joining in with the singing is always a popular aspect of the event. There will also be many craft and other stalls in the Arcade and just outside it with interesting things on display. Our local firefighters will be on hand, as usual to show people the fire engine and how it works.

The Library will be open 5-7 pm. There will be a special Gingerbread Man story time at 5pm & 6pm and a Gingerbread Person Trail, plus the opportunity to decorate a gingerbread person will run for the whole evening. This event is free, no need to book.

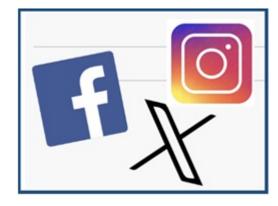
It will be a festive event and a good evening out for all and a convenient opportunity for picking up some Christmas presents and cards at the same time.

Goring Repair Café - This Saturday morning, 2 December, 10am to 12.30pm, Goring Village Hall

This will be the last Repair Café this year for getting your broken items repaired for free. Fifteen skilled volunteer repairers will be on duty who will attempt to fix virtually anything you can carry in. So, if you haven't been to one before, do try to pop in to see what goes on and how we try to avoid waste by giving your items a second lease of life.

We also provide special services. For instance, do you want to recycle or dispose of an old computer, but worried about confidential data on it? Just deleting the hard drive does not prevent it being recovered, so we offer a specialised service to ensure the disc can never be read by anyone. We have other volunteers who can repair small items of furniture, bikes & buggies, garden machinery, electrical and other household appliances and clothes & textiles. We also sharpen tools, knives and mower blades etc. For more information visit our website: www.goringrepaircafe.info

You can bring up to 2 items for repair and we welcome any voluntary donations to cover the cost of the hall hire and other expenses. However, if you don't have anything which needs fixing at the moment, you are welcome to just pop in to have a look at how it all works and/or have a coffee or tea and some wonderful homemade cake at Café Bellême.







A concert for Epiphany – 6 January 2024 at 3pm

Goring Chamber Choir will sing both familiar and some new carols reflecting on the bringing of gifts today. Atmospheric pieces by Canadian Stephanie Martin and Thomas Allain describe modern journeys 'to learn and to believe'. Steve Bowey will perform Gaston Litaize's organ piece 'Epiphanie' on the wonderfully restored organ, and there will be familiar carols for the audience to join in.

Where: St Thomas' Church, Goring When: Saturday 6 January, 2024 at 3pm £15, free for under 18s Tickets:

Obtainable from Inspiration Goring, or from a choir member, or on the door Music director: Frances Brewitt-Taylor; Accompanist: Steve Bowey

http://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk/

Chef King takeaway in Goring Arcade – What's happening?

This long-standing business closed down suddenly in June and the premises has remained largely as it was left, apart from being fitted with new locks. However, Unit 3, the Arcade, will shortly be prepared for letting again.

The Landlord's agent for the whole of the Arcade, Home Property Services (UK) Ltd, has recently appointed Warmingham as its local agent to handle the letting of this unit. After it has been thoroughly cleaned and all the safety checks have been carried out, it will be presented to the market and offers will be invited for this prime retail unit in the heart of the village

Enquiries and viewing appointments can be arranged by Warmingham, 4/5 High Street, Goring. www.warmingham.com. Tel 01491 874144.

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 eight applications for Goring, three for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Proposal:	The Swan at Streatley High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HR T1 - Ash - Suffering with Ash Dieback. Monolith, leaving a stem at approx 7-8m for insects and wildlife habitat T2 and T3 - Sycamore x2 (on the mooring) - Crown reduction by 2-3m leaving a height of approx. 14m
Reference Number:	23/02487/TPC
Consultation Deadline:	Determination Deadline: 11 December 2023
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Location:	Long Meadow The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL
Proposal:	Rear Single Storey Extension, New Dormers, Garage Conversion and New Double Garage
Reference Number:	<u>23/02552/HOUSE</u>
Consultation Deadline:	18 December 2023
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Location:	St Marys Church Church Lane Streatley Reading RG8 9HU Golden Hornet - Fell, replace with Oak
Proposal:	Blackthorn - Fell as overhanging adjoining car park
	Cypress - Fell as the tree is dead, replant in future
Reference Number:	<u>23/02696/TPC</u>
Consultation Deadline:	Determination Deadline: 2 January 2024

landscaping. P23/S3822/FUL

13 December 2023

SOUTH STOKE

Location: Proposal:

Middle Barn Little Stoke OX10 6AZ Replacement of existing grain storage building to provide accommodation for artists and creatives visiting Littlestoke Manor farm. Provision of bin and bike storage, amenity space, parking and







Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

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Cleeve Croft Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BJ New lead canopy to front. Single storey rear extension. Pitched roof to garage P23/S3831/HH 6 December 2023

Field Adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway Off B4526 Reading Road Goring RG8 0LL Change of use for mixed use of Equestrian and Residential, through the formation of a Gypsy/Traveller pitch providing 1 Static Caravan/Mobile Home and 1 Touring Caravan, alongside ancillary development P23/S3743/FUL 7 December 2023

The Old Stables Elvendon Rd Goring RG8 0DT Single storey rear extension. P23/S3552/HH 7 December 2023

Querton Manor Road Goring RG8 9ED Conversion of existing double garage to habitable accommodation with changes to fenestration. P23/S3895/HH 12 December 2023

1 Ferne Close Goring RG8 0AR Single storey rear extension P23/S4006/HH 15 December 2023

3 Nuns Acre Goring RG8 9BE Addition of solar panels to roof. P23/S3430/LDP Target decision date 19 December 2023

The Elms Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT Discharge of condition 4(Arboriculture and Tree Protection) on application P22/S3916/HH - new infill side extension, replacement of store building and double garage. Not subject to public consultation. P23/S3786/DIS Target decision date 19 December 2023

15 The Birches Goring RG8 9BW Formation of habitable room in roofspace with front and rear rooflights P23/S3920/HH 20 December 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

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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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To comment on any of these stories please email contact@genienews.org To send in news items, use <u>news@genienews.org</u>

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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