

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 January

In this issue: Road closure Goring; Village Matters 150th issue; Roadside cabinets; Flood support; Birdwatch 2024; Singing workshop; Film Festival; District Councillor report – and our latest update of new planning applications.

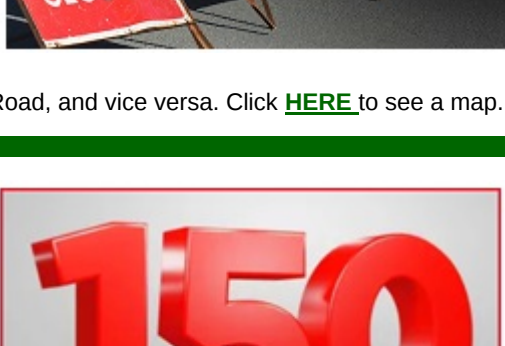
Road Closure – Mill Road, Goring

29 January to 2 February 2024, 07.00 to 17.30 daily

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.

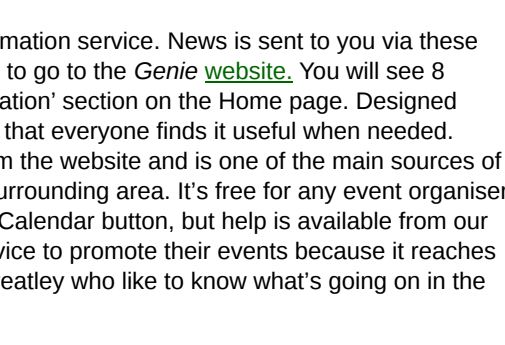
Reason: To facilitate clear vegetation, brickwork repairs.

Suggested Alternative Route: via B4009, High Street, Cleeve Road, and vice versa. Click [HERE](#) to see a map.



Today – Genie's 150th edition of Village Matters

Our first edition of *Village Matters* was sent out in June 2017 and since that time Genie has published 150 of these regular general-purpose newsletters. In addition, 61 special red *Public Information* bulletins have been emailed out; these are published on an ad hoc basis when there is important or urgent news we think you would like to know about. You can see all the archived newsletters of both types by clicking on the green and red buttons on the Home page of our website www.genienews.org.



Genie was designed as a topical community news and local information service. News is sent to you via these emails, but for the information part of the service you would need to go to the [Genie website](#). You will see 8 pages of local information when you hover over the 'Local Information' section on the Home page. Designed primarily for new residents and businesses, it is hoped, however, that everyone finds it useful when needed. Also, the popular online Calendar of local events is accessed from the website and is one of the main sources of news of all the local activities that go on in the Goring Gap and surrounding area. It's free for any event organiser to use and there is an online submission form accessible via the Calendar button, but help is available from our Calendar Manager if need be. Event organisers use this free service to promote their events because it reaches *Genie* subscribers in over 20 villages surrounding Goring and Streatley who like to know what's going on in the area.

Genie, like most free community services, is run by just a few dedicated volunteers and we really could do with some help from a few more people to spread the load and also improve the service in a number of ways. So, if you could spare a few hours each month working from home, we would be delighted to hear from you via contact@genienews.org. Thank you. The *Genie* Team.

Last day tomorrow (Wednesday 17 January) to comment to SODC on roadside cabinets being installed around Goring



In the previous newsletter, 14 notifications of planning applications by Virgin Media for the installation of roadside cabinets on various roads in Goring were itemised in our regular list of all new applications in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke. Some have already been processed since the last edition so check the links to the individual planning reference number **now** if you are interested in finding out if there's any installation planned for your road.

Click READ MORE in the Current Planning Applications section below, which is always at the bottom of every issue of *Village Matters*.

FLOOD SUPPORT for INTERNAL flooding – If any residents or businesses were affected by the recent flooding, please report the incidents.



For incidents in the South Oxfordshire area, report them here: <https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com/emergency/report-flood/>.

For incidents in the West Berkshire Council area, report them here: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/report-flooding>

Residents affected by internal flooding can also potentially apply for government funding themselves – the information is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-payments-for-communities-affected-by-flooding>.

People can also call the Environment Agency's flooding hotline for advice and support at any time, seven days a week, on 0345 988 1188.

Spend an hour later this month between 26-28 January counting birds and helping nature

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is the largest citizen science wildlife survey in the UK. If you haven't taken part in one before, it's very easy and fun, and all the information you need to take part is below.



We have lost millions of birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, a fact that underlines that nature is in crisis and needs your help. House sparrows are struggling and starlings are undergoing a severe decline too, like many other species. Your Birdwatch results help monitor how our UK birds are faring in the face of the nature and climate emergency. The RSPB can't do it without your support and just counting and recording the birds you see during one hour will help gather the vital statistics needed to take the appropriate actions needed to help restore the numbers and health of our most treasured wild bird population.

Click on this link to see exactly what to do – it's free and you don't need a garden to take part, just an hour of your time: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>. Please note you need to sign up online to take part, so click now to receive all you need in time.

Singing Workshop

1.45pm-5pm Saturday 27 January 2024

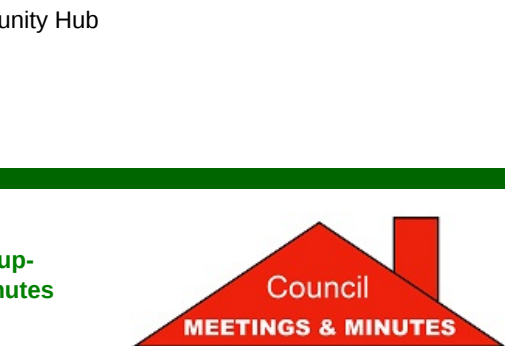
Singing in a group is the perfect way to brighten up January! Matt Foster will be running a Singing Workshop at St Thomas' Church, suitable for all who love singing, whether you read music or not. We will be singing a wide variety of music including Mozart's *Lacrimosa*; Schönberg's *Do you hear the people sing*; and Paul McCartney's *Live and Let Die*.



More information about the workshop, including how to register, can be found on the benefice website: [Benefice of Goring and Streatley with South Stoke : Events \(thomamary.org.uk\)](#).

The Children's Film Festival is back!

Following its success in 2022, 2024 will see the return of the GAP Festival's Children's Film Festival.



Once again, The GAP Festival is offering the chance for local children in Oxfordshire and Berkshire to get digitally creative and take part in a short film competition. The chosen shortlisted films will be screened and the winners announced at a red carpet event on Sunday 9 June, as part of this year's GAP Festival.

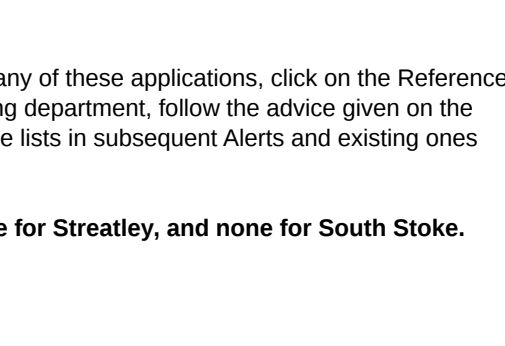
All children (primary, secondary and sixth form) within Oxfordshire and Berkshire are invited to get creative with filming and producing their own short films.

Entries are FREE and must be submitted before the regular submission deadline of 9 April, and shortlisted films will be announced on 14 May.

Full details including key dates, terms of entry, categories and how to submit your film can be found at <https://filmfreeway.com/TheGAPChildrensFilmFestival>.

District Councillor Report – December 2023 and January 2024

Report from Maggie Filipova-Rivers, District Councillor for Goring & South Stoke



Please click [HERE](#) to see the report. It contains information under the following headings:

- Preparation is underway for the next stage of South & Vale's Joint Local Plan
- Neighbourhood planning resources
- Do you know of local businesses aiming to go green?
- Grants available now to help look after local green spaces
- Grant scheme for people without gas boilers
- Cost of Living Support for residents via the SODC Community Hub
- Affordable housing grant to help address urgent need
- Police and Crime Commissioner Tax Survey
- Free carbon Emissions calculator tool

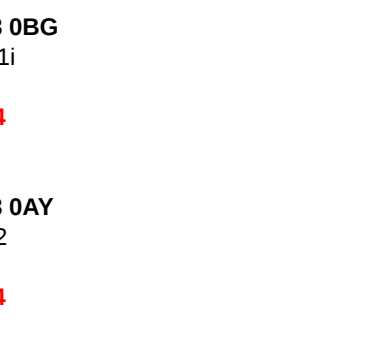
Local Parish Councils

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 21 applications for Goring, three for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: The Old Vicarage Vicarage Lane Streatley Reading RG8 9HX
Proposal: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 5 (i) Tree Protection Scheme of planning permission 23/00357/HOUSE - Proposed alterations and extensions to existing house.
Reference Number: 23/02946/COND
Consultation Deadline: 19 January 2024

Location: Lawn Cottage Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LE
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage with increased parking area.
Reference Number: 23/02789/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 23 January 2024

Location: Vine Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JD
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (i) Eastern Gable Survey and (ii) Scaled drawings and exact specifications and schedule for the repair of the timber structure of approved 23/01465/LBC - Structural and conservation works to cellar, east and south elevations.
Reference Number: 24/00015/COND
Consultation Deadline: 30 January 2024

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

Location: O/S 42 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0BG
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VM5D1i
Reference Number: P23/S4309/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: O/S 20 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0AY
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4310/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: O/S 37 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4311/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: OPP 1 Icknield Road Goring RG8 0DL
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4312/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O 2 Lockstile Way Goring RG8 0AJ
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VM5D1i
Reference Number: P23/S4314/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O 2 Valley Close Goring RG8 0AN
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4315/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O 1 Meadow Close Goring RG8 0AP
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4316/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O 10 Milldown Avenue Goring RG8 0AG
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4318/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O Journeys End Farm Road Goring RG8 0AA
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4320/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O 1 Millers Close Goring RG8 9BS
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4322/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O Cariat Court Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BT
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4323/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O 22 Clevemede Goring RG8 9BU
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4325/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: O/S 22 Pennypiece Goring RG8 9BY
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4326/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: S/O 10 Holmea Road Goring RG8 9EX
Proposal: Proposed installation of Cabinet VMFB2
Reference Number: P23/S4327/T28
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 17 January 2024

Location: Cedar Wood House Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0LP
Proposal: Replacement dwelling
Reference Number: P23/S4299/FUL
Consultation Deadline: 20 January 2024

Location: Sangalaya Elmhurst Walk Goring RG8 9DE
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in P21/S4595/HH - extensions and alterations to existing dwelling; landscaping and adjustments to improve living accommodation and aesthetics.
Reference Number: P23/S4324/S73
Consultation Deadline: 20 January 2024

Location: Upper Gatehampton House Goring RG8 9LT
Proposal: Removal of existing outbuilding; installation of replacement outbuilding and plant room (resubmission of P22/S4130/HH - retrospective).
Reference Number: P24/S0033/HH
Consultation Deadline: 26 January 2024

Location: 18 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 0AU
Proposal: First floor extension over garage (resubmission of application P20/S2221/HH)
Reference Number: P24/S0065/HH
Consultation Deadline: 1 February 2024

Location: 11 & 14 Cariat Court Cleeve Road RG8 9BT
Proposal: Re-arrange internal layout to adjacent first floor flats (one room no.11 to be transferred to no.14).
Reference Number: P23/S4210/LDP
Consultation Deadline: 12 February 2024

Location: Land east of Manor Road Goring RG8 9EJ
Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 (electric vehicle charging points) 4 (Green Travel Plan) & 22 (external lighting) on P23/S3520/S73. Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) on application P22/S0003/RM for Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale – erection of 20 dwellings to allow for: Provision of rooflights & sun tunnels; provision of bedroom in roof; repositioning of garages, reconfiguration of parking spaces & widening of driveways on various specified plots. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: P24/S0064/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 29 February 2024

Location: The Beeches 1 Long Meadow Goring RG8 9EG
Proposal: Discharge of condition 4(Surface Water Drainage) on application P23/S3213/HH - Double storey side extension and revisions to internal layout. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: P24/S0079/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 4 March 2024

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>

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 send in news items, use news@genienews.org

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