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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 March

In this issue: Goring Sorting Office closure & Postie Steve's retirement; Red Nose appeal; Goring Litterpick; Lego volunteer needed; Two AGMs; George Michael coin; Goring crime report; SODC report - and our latest update of new planning applications.

Closure of Goring Sorting Office

Royal Mail are closing the Goring Delivery Office in early April, not today (16 March) as stated on the notice on the board sealing up the post box there.

After closure all letter sorting and deliveries to you will be from either the Pangbourne or Henley sorting offices. All post codes RG8 9** will be sorted and delivered from Pangbourne and all post codes RG8 0** will be delivered from the Henley one. The deliveries shouldn't be affected too much, although they may be slightly later than normal due to this extra step in the process. For



instance, a letter posted in Goring to another address in Goring will be sent to Swindon, sorted there to go to either Pangbourne or Henley where it will be sorted into the appropriate delivery round. The Posties will then need to drive to Goring to start their deliveries.

For all larger or other items that need to be collected the process will stay the same as it is now for all Goring customers. These collections will be from the Pangbourne office which is open Monday to Friday 8-10am and 8am-12noon on Saturdays.

Change of collection times for all post boxes: As the Late Collection post box at the Sorting Office is now sealed up, the post box near Goring Arcade will become the Late Collection box (4pm), the only one available. The time plates on all the other post boxes will be switched to the Early Collection time (9am). This change of time plates is scheduled for Monday 18 March. It should be noted, however, that this doesn't necessarily mean the collections from these boxes will all be at 9am, as the postmen will only empty the boxes when they are passing them during their normal delivery round.

If you are interested in how long the Royal Mail's sorting/delivery office has been in this location and the history of the whole building, a comprehensive 4-page article on P22 of the February issue of the Goring Gap News can be found online at: https://www.goringgapnews.co.uk/2024.

Steve, Goring's Postie for 40 years, retires as Sorting Office closes

Steve Lambourne, who has delivered the mail in Goring for 40 years, retired on Wednesday 13 March. After his last shift he was invited to the Community Centre in Station Road where many of his customers were assembled. Following the traditional speeches, he was presented with a retirement card signed by several hundred well-wishers and an envelope containing his collection. He also received other cards and gifts handed



to him during the event. Steve would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generous contributions to the collection and said he was very moved by all the attention.

The photo includes the two ladies who gave thanks to Steve, Stephanie Bridle (left) and Louise Pasker.

Giant winking face with red nose still raising money for people in poverty. Would you like to help?

In support of Comic Relief and Red Nose Day, Virgo Beauty in Goring High Street has a giant winking face and red nose adorning the front of their salon. This year's campaign is supporting help for people living in poverty in the UK and around the world.

Although Red Nose Day was yesterday (15 March), this local fundraising campaign continues until midnight Monday18 March.

If you would like to raise much needed donations for this cause and you use social media, Virgo we will donate £1 for every picture posted – unless it's so good it goes viral!



This is how to help:

1) Take a silly photo or selfie under the big red nose in Goring High Street like the one pictured here, the sillier the better!

2) Post it to Virgo Beauty's Facebook page: : https://www.facebook.com/VirgoBeautyLtd/

or Instagram page: https://www.instagram.com/virgobeautyltd/?fbclid=IwAR1SIMIoxi-

1eWJb6DbgFtbrI0xZa7UCsdn3csk_teblk0cQWfIHakKJclo 3) Like and share with your friends

For more information on Comic Relief: https://www.comicrelief.com/homepage/.

Goring Litterpick – Saturday 23 March, 9.30am-12.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join in this main annual event for the whole family to help make the village look its best

This year the organisation is a joint enterprise by Goringon-Thames in Bloom and Goring-on-Thames Parish Council. Refreshments afterwards will be provided by Cleeve by Goring Women's Institute. Meet up outside the Gardiner Pavilion (on the cricket field) to decide which part of the village you want to work on and collect your equipment.

NB: Streatley's Spring Clean-up, which was originally planned for the same date, will now be on Saturdav 13 April. Details will be in Genie's next edition on 30 March.



Seeking a Volunteer for Library Lego Club

Kate Cheng writes:

Goring Gap News Tuesday 19 March, 4pm

Community Centre, Station Road, Goring

Goring Village Hall

Goring Village Hall

Wednesday 27 March, 7.30pm

We are looking to set up a Lego Club for children on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 5pm to 6pm but need an extra pair of hands to help out.

This volunteer position would be suitable for anyone over the age of 16 who loves Lego and enjoys working with children. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please call Kate Cheng on 01491 873028 or contact her at <u>kate.cheng@oxfordshire.gov.uk</u>.

Two AGMs coming up this month



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Royal Mint unveils special limited edition (150) George Michael gold coin. Price £2,770.00

Something for local GM fans?

This is the latest release from the Royal Mint and part of its Music Legends collection celebrating bestselling British musicians. It is struck in 999.9 gold and finished to Gold Proof Standard. His Majesty King Charles III's first official coinage portrait is on the obverse of the coin. Several other variants are also available and further information and ordering details are on the Royal Mint website.

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

'Nottingham Knockers' - Lockstile Way 15 Feb 18 Feb Theft of Bike lock & helmet - Cariad Court 18 Feb Road traffic collision – Lyndhurst Road Road traffic collision - Manor Road Action Fraud – Whitehills Green



19 Feb 21 Feb

- 21 Feb Adult protection - Waltham Court
 - 25 Feb Nuisance messages – Elvendon Road 26 Feb Criminal damage (Graffiti) - WC, Orchard car park
 - 01 Mar Missing person - Found safe and well
 - 02 Mar Criminal Damage - Broken gate - Bridleway
 - 05 Mar Theft of parcel - Red Cross Road
 - 06 Mar Action Fraud – Fairfield Road
 - 08 Mar Dangerous dog – All sorted out
 - 12 Mar Theft of E-bike - Taken from outside Goring Food and Wine

District Councillor's Report to Goring and South Stoke PCs, February-March 2024

Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers has sent this report. It contains information on the following topics:

- Budget 2024-25
- Where your council tax goes
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Grant Fund
- Top Recyclers in the Country
- · Household Support Fund voucher scheme
- Joint South and Vale Local Plan
- New Garden Waste Permit Scheme
- Free Compost Giveaway
- Retrofitting measures • Pre-Election period reminder
- Playing Pitch and Leisure Facilities consultations
- Strengthening planning policy for brownfield development
- Permitted development rights Homes for Ukraine Motion

It can be read in full HERE.

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 vou 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 seven applications for Goring, none for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

None

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

Location: Proposal:

The Elms Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT Discharge of condition 4 (Tree Protection) on P22/S3916/HH - side extension; replacement of garage with carport & garage; additional rooflight. Not subject to public consultation



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Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** P24/S0261/DIS Target decision date 18 March 2024

Stow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL

Discharge of conditions 3 (tree protection), 4 (landscaping), 5 (drainage), 6 (external windows etc) on P23/S3249/HH - internal remodelling; basement and patio extensions; new outbuilding to form a gym. Not subject to public consultation P24/S0257/DIS

Target decision date 21 March 2024

The Elms Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DT

Discharge of condition 6 (Bat box details) on application P22/S3916/HH - infill extension; replacement of store building & double garage; new rooflight. Not subject to public consultation P24/S0343/DIS Target decision date 25 March 2024

Cleeve Firs Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BJ

Installation of new carport with solar panels, battery and electric car charger.

P24/S0624/HH 27 March 2024

Mill Cottage Lock Approach Goring RG8 9AD

Discharge of condition 3 (Archaeological Watching Brief) & 5 (Drainage) on application P22/S4607/HH - alterations to approval P21/S3339/HH. Not subject to public consultation P24/S0348/DIS

Target decision date 2 April 2024

5 Elmcroft Goring RG8 9EU

Extension of hallway, changes at front and rear windows & doors, addition of porch, extension of side dormer and all associated works P24/S0713/HH

5 April 2024

Thameside House Cleeve Rd Goring RG8 9BJ

Replacement of existing shed with new shed with a flat roof providing larger terrace at the entrance to the house. (As amended & amplified by information received 13 March 2024.) P24/S0555/HH 5 April 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-planningapplication

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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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