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Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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 26 May

In this issue: Road closure; Open garden cancelled; Parking space required; Repair Café; Gap Festival; Water quality monitoring; BBOWT job; SSEN priority service; Crime report – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Temporary Road Closure and "No Waiting" restriction – B4009, Goring, South & North Stoke, Mongewell

31 May to 3 June 2024. 05.00 to 18.00 hours each day

In the interests of public safety, it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close the road and impose a 'No Waiting' restriction as detailed above to facilitate

surface dressing works. The "No Waiting" restriction means that wherever there are in place yellow "No Waiting" cones, you will not be able to park vehicles on the highway.

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.

A copy of the drawing showing the extent of the closure and restriction and also the alternative route for traffic can be seen <u>HERE</u>.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Oxfordshire County Council on 0345 310 11 11.

CANCELLED NGS Open Garden

Chaddleworth, Streatley, Sunday 19 May 2024

It is with regret that the National Garden Scheme Open Garden at Chaddleworth, Streatley, which would have been this Sunday 19 May, has had to be cancelled. Further information on other gardens that are open can be found on the NGS website: <u>www.ngs.org.uk</u>.

Off Road Parking Space to rent required

Does anyone know of any local off road parking space Going Forward Buses could rent for one of our 14 seater minibuses? Anything considered – please contact us by email at <u>littlebluebus@yahoo.com</u>. Thank you.



Next Goring Repair Café on Saturday 1 June in Goring Village Hall, 10am -12.30pm

The Goring Repair Café is a free community service to help reduce waste and avoid products going unnecessarily to landfill. All residents and visitors are welcome to bring in up to two items.

The service is run entirely by enthusiastic unpaid volunteers to help repair things which are often simple to fix if the skills are available. There should be around 15 or so repairers on duty again, who will attempt to fix most things you bring in, including your bikes & buggies, garden machinery, electrical and other household appliances, computers & phones, guitars, small items of furniture, decorative boxes, clothes &





textiles, tools, mower blades and knives and other items that need sharpening,

For more information about how it all works and what items you can bring etc, please visit the website: <u>www.goringrepaircafe.info</u>. The Repair Café is a project run by the Goring Gap Environmental Organisation (GGEO) to help reduce carbon emissions by avoiding the need to purchase a new replacement product when your old one can be fixed. We welcome any voluntary donations to cover the cost of the hall hire and other expenses. However, if you don't have anything broken to be fixed at this time, you are welcome to just pop in to have a look at how it all works – and have a coffee or tea and some wonderful homemade cake at Café Bellême.

Gap Festival News

• The alternative way to attend a GAP Festival

event: The GAP Festival team is still in need of volunteers to help at events across the Festival. From marshalling, ticket checking, and setting out chairs, to manning sound/lighting (training provided!) and serving drinks behind the bar ... get in touch, let the team know which event takes your fancy and they'll work with you to match you to the perfect task!

Volunteering is also great fun with friends, so why not offer to help with a partner or neighbour? No experience needed. Soak up the Festival atmosphere, enjoy the wide range of events on offer, and give back to your community.



Email <u>help@gapfestival.org</u> to offer your time, and find out more on the website: <u>https://www.thegapfestival.org/get-involved/volunteer</u>.

• Help buying online tickets. If you know of anyone living locally who needs help booking their tickets online for the GAP Festival, please let them know they can visit The Village Café 12noon-2pm each Wednesday in the run up to the Festival. A GAP Festival representative will be available to help book tickets online. Please ask them to bring a credit or debit card to purchase any paid tickets.

• Children's Film Festival finalists announced. The finalist short films made by young film-makers across Oxfordshire and Berkshire for the GAP Children's Film Festival competition, as part of the GAP Festival have been announced. This year's competition received a total of 38 entries – three times more than our first event in 2022. From this, 21 films have been shortlisted as finalists across three categories by a group of industry professionals. Come and see the screening of the finalist films and celebrate the announcement of the winners on Sunday 9 June at our red carpet premiere event as part of the main Gap Festival. <u>Find out the finalists and how to book tickets</u>.

Full details of the events can be found on our website: <u>www.thegapfestival.org/events</u>. Printed copies of the GAP Festival brochure are available to pick up in outlets around the villages.

Local citizen science water quality monitoring project started today, 16 May

Over the next twenty weeks teams of trained volunteers from the Goring Gap Environmental Organisation (GGEO) will be taking weekly water samples at four locations on the Thames.

The purpose of the study is to accurately measure the levels of the two main faecal bacteria found in sewagepolluted rivers, Escherichia coli and Intestinal enterococci, known to be the main cause human health problems in people enjoying the river for swimming and other recreational uses.

Samples from the river at South Stoke will indicate the quality of the water entering the Goring Gap (a baseline



level), whilst the other three sampling points are at specific points downstream from the discharge pipes of the Goring, Streatley and Lower Basildon sewage treatment works.

At the end of the project GGEO will publish a detailed report of this study which will help recreational uses of the river and others to make informed decisions about the safety of their activities.

Once the samples are taken, using a sterilised long telescopic pole attached to a special stainless steel collecting beaker, they are transferred to a sterile bottle supplied by the microbiology laboratory which will analyse the contents within 24 hours. (The photo above, taken during one of the training sessions, shows the volunteer sterilising the outside of the bottle before it's transferred to a special cool bag and kept in the dark to avoid the bacteria multiplying in transit and affecting the result.)

The whole sampling process in in compliance with a strict aseptic protocol which is required for samples being analysed by the UKAS-accredited microbiology laboratory GGEO selected for this project. This ensures the data generated by this study is fully compliant with the highest standards needed to be accepted by Thames Water, the EA and Defra.

GGEO's data is being from these four sites is being shared with <u>Thames21</u>, the charity which is applying for Designated Bathing Water status for Pangbourne Meadows, which needs data from several miles upstream from the site. The project is being funded by <u>Mend the Gap</u> as an ongoing project to improving the state of our rivers in the wider Goring Gap area.

An exciting new opportunity to work for BBOWT in nature preservation and development

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) is one of 46 Wildlife Trusts working

Job Opportunity

Mend the Gap Project Officer Berkshire Buckinghamshire

for wildlife across the UK.

For detailed information about this opportunity click <u>HERE</u>. The closing date is Tuesday 4 June 2024.

Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks PSR Digital Toolkit





SSEN operate the electricity network in our area and have produced a Priority Services Register (PSR). They write:

What is the PSR?

Our dedicated Priority Services line is available 24 hours a day. We'll contact you, or your nominated contact, if we need to switch off your power to carry out essential maintenance. We offer a password service where you can agree a password to use when dealing with SSEN staff. That way we can look after your personal safety and home security.

When we are aware of an unplanned power cut affecting your home, you will receive proactive updates 24 hours a day. We will contact you regularly to confirm the details we hold for you are correct and if we do not hear back from you on these occasions, we will only keep your data for 5 years.

Everyone has different needs. Contact your distributor to discuss your requirements.

How do I apply?

Sign up using this link: <u>https://www.thepsr.co.uk/</u>. You can find more information, including **who is eligible** <u>HERE</u>.

If you have any queries regarding the PSR, please contact us on <u>networkscvteam@sse.com</u>.

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

Action Fraud report – Cleeve Down
Action Fraud report – Springhill Road
Action Fraud report – Thames Bank
Adult Protection – Waltham Court
Action Fraud report – Milldown Road
Action Fraud report – River Lane
Adult protection – Waltham Court
Adult protection – Waltham Court
Action Fraud Report – Whitehills Green
Anti-social behaviour – Gatehampton Road
Anti-social behaviour – Red Cross Road
Suspicious person (drunk male)

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.

Lawn Cottage Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LE

Long Close Aldworth Road Streatley Reading RG8 9RB Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 23/01390/FUL: Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of 1no. dwellinghouse and associated garage; relocation of access and accompanying landscaping proposals. Amendment: Increased

bridge providing access to the tiered garden behind.

The proposals are to put the living spaces on the first floor, and to

provide a roof terrace in place of an existing flat roof along with a stair-

thickness/depth to external walls and roof, zinc cladding replaced by knapped flint and adjustments to positions and sizes of some glazed

Click below to see details of two applications for Goring, two for Streatley, and one for South Stoke.

24/00681/HOUSE

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areas.

24/00865/NONMAT

STREATLEY

Location:

Proposal:

Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:

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Proposal:

Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:

SOUTH STOKE

Location:	South Stoke Primary School The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS Continued use as outdoor play area but with replacement of free- standing play equipment.
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S1293/LDP
Consultation Deadline:	Target Decision Date 18 June 2024
GORING	

Determination Deadline: 24 May 2024

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Location:

Proposal: Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:

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Proposal:

Reference Number: Consultation Deadline: 6 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 0AU Single storey front extension. Double/Single storey rear extension. Lean-to on side elevation P24/S1090/HH 16 May 2024

Gatehampton/Woodcote – Various sites Replacement of 20 x 11kV wooden electricity poles on the Ball Hill (BALH) E1, E3, E5 & E7 circuit <u>P24/S1253/OH</u> Target decision date 10 June 2024

To visit SODC's planning website: <u>http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application</u>

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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