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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 June

In this issue: Road closure; Goring Repair Café; June What's On; Great Green Food Day; Hub Update; Streatley Litterpick; Help GGEO; Vandals in Wheel Orchard Car Park – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Road Closures –

1. Reminder: B4009, Goring, South & North Stoke, Mongewell. 31 May to 3 June 2024. 05.00 to 18.00 hours each day

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>.

2. Grove Road, Goring. 10 June 2024 up to and including 21 June 2024, 24 hours per day

Temporary prohibition of any vehicle proceeding in the section of Grove Road approximately 20 metres from its junction with Wallingford Road. Exemptions are included for police, fire and ambulance services and for the works and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road.

The alternative route for traffic affected by the closure is north along Wallingford Road to the junction with Ferry Road/Woodcote Road, turn right onto Northcote Road, and then right onto Icknield Road and travel South towards the opposite end of Grove Road and vice versa.

A plan of the alternative route can be seen HERE.

This Order is being introduced because of gas main connection works.

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

This Saturday there will be a record number of 16 skilled volunteer repairers on duty, along with 10 support volunteers to help fix your broken items free of charge.

All residents and visitors are welcome to bring in up to two items and, if you haven't been to one before, photographs and more information about how it all works can be found on the website: <u>www.goringrepaircafe.info</u>.

The Repair Café is a project run by the charity 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*.

What's On – for the month of June 2024

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the <u>Genie Calendar</u> Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free.



The Gap Festival 7-16 June	Multiple events – see <u>https://www.thegapfestival.org/</u> A few are included below (with tickets still available as of 29 May) but the website has details of many others
Gap Festival Fringe 7-16 June	Some of the free live music events in local venues are shown below – see https://www.thegapfestival.org/ for the full list
Sat 1 June	10-12.30pm Goring Repair Café
Wed 5 June	7.30pm Village Greenfingers – talk from Alan Goold, All about roses
Fri 7 June	7.30pm Simon Mayor and Friends
Sat 8 June	 Stoke Row Steam Rally weekend Gap Festival space science day – tickets available for the evening talk
Sun 9 June	 11-2pm Great Green Food Day – free event. Tickets available for the climate change discussion 12noon From 2.30pm – music at the Catherine Wheel
Mon 10 June	7.30pm An Audience with True Crime Author Helen Saxton

12noon Goring Gap News deadline for June edition

Wed 12 June

	• 7.30-10pm – music at the Bull
Thurs 13 June	5.30-7.30pm The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle
Fri 14 June	 From 4pm – music at the Miller of Mansfield The Marriage of Figaro – first night of 3
Sat 15 June	 10-4pm Festival market day 12-4pm <i>Meet and Greet The Owls</i> at Withymead 2.15pm Introducing: Anoop Sira and Evergreen 7.30pm Dance and Swing with The Ding Dong Daddios and Jive Class
Sun 16 June	1-3pm Festival Picnic Concert on the Rectory Gardens
Wed 19 June	11am Arts Society Goring, AGM
Thurs 20 June	10.30am Pick a Flick <i>The Old Oak</i>
Fri 21 June	6.30-9.30pm Jazz with champagne & canapés at Mill Cottage (in aid of The Hub)
Sat 22 June	 12-3pm Goring Primary School summer fête 3pm Piano recital by Patrick Lillie in St Thomas'
Sun 23 June	11-4pm Garden party celebrating George Michael at Mill Cottage (in aid of The Hub). Part of the weekend of music and fundraising events in his memory
Wed 26 June	 Genie copy deadline 10.30am & 2.30pm Arts Society Goring: A History of the National Gallery in ten paintings Cleeve by Goring WI: Strawberry and prosecco evening
Thurs 27 June	10.30am u3a talk: The Life of a Metropolitan Police Scene Investigator
Fri 28 June	7.30pm Goring Unplugged7.30pm Moonraker's Concert at St Andrew's South Stoke
Sat 29 June	2-4pm Local history walk with FOGL and Goring Gap Local History Society
Sun 30 June	10am-5pm Withymead cream tea Sunday

The Great Green Food Day. Sunday 9 June, 11am-2pm

Book your FREE tickets to the Climate Change Question Time in the GAP festival marquee in Rectory Garden, Goring, on Sunday 9 June (12noon-1pm). Just click <u>https://www.thegapfestival.org/events/climate-changeguestion-time-ask-the-experts/</u>

The panel of experts includes Streatley-based Justin Adams, OBE and Chair of the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE), Naomi Conway, Director of National Parks Partnerships, Jo Robb, SODC green councillor, James Norman, councillor and organic farmer and Andrew Orr, climate scientist and ambassador for Compassion in World Farming.



Mini-garden competition

Please bring your entries for the miniature eco-garden competition to the Rectory Garden between 11am and 11.30am on Sunday 9 June. There are three age categories – Primary, Secondary, and over 18s. For more details about the container size and other specifications, please visit: <u>https://www.thegapfestival.org/events/enchanting-miniature-gardens-competition/</u>.

Line-up for the Great Green Food day:

Prior to the event, 9.30-10.30am: St Thomas' Church, Goring – 'Bread of Heaven' – A special service for our three villages to celebrate the wonders of creation.

11am: Great Green Food Day opens in Rectory Gardens with over 20 varied food and other stalls and live music from Andy Taylor. School's potato competition weigh-in and prize-giving.

11.15am-11.45am: Children's entertainer, Jonathan Clifton performs songs and poems in 'Poo Corner'.
12pm-1pm: Ask the Experts Climate Change Question Time, followed by live jazz in the marquee
1.30pm: Winner of Mini Gardens Competition announced. 2pm: Event closes.

Update from the Hub

Skydive 20 April Raised £5,000+

Last month's sponsored tandem skydive was a huge success, raising an amazing £5,233.56! Heartfelt thanks go to all those who braved the skies: Betsy Brown, Ava Lunt, Sophia Kavongo, Sarah Conde, Rachel Dunn, Ed Crane, Jackie Hamstead, Sean Cunningham, Liliia Lutsak, Sebastian Avery, Blair Sharman, Miller Sherwood, Max Cameron, Gary, Hollie and Sam Smith.

Skydive on Sunday 16 June 18.30-21.30

The Hub is planning another sponsored tandem skydive at Netheravon, Wiltshire for 16 June with a team of lower sixth form pupils. If you can spare a few pennies, please sponsor our courageous Cranford School team at https://<u>www.justgiving.com/team/thehub-bridgingthegap-16062024</u> or call in at the Hub to sponsor using cash/cheque – thank you so much!

Contact the Hub or Stuart Rowsell (01189 794312 or stuartrowsell@ymail.com) for more information or to reserve your seat on the plane ASAP – only a few spaces left!

A Midsummer Night's Jazz, 21 June 18.30-21.30

An evening of canapés and champagne in the beautiful garden of Mill Cottage on Lock Approach, Goring – George Michael's iconic home on the banks of the Thames. Jazz, fun and good vibes! Tickets £45 available from the Hub or online at <u>bit.ly/midsummerjazz</u>.

George Michael's 61st Birthday, 23 June 11.00-16.00

A 61st birthday celebration of musical moments in honour of George Michael in the beautiful garden of Mill Cottage on Lock Approach, Goring. Food and beverage available to purchase at the event. Featuring the UK's top George



Michael tribute artist, Steve Mitchell, accompanied by Dave West, the original bass guitarist from George Michael's debut band, Wham. Tickets £55 available from the Hub or online at <u>https://rb.gy/gysd2g</u>.

Streatley Litterpick

Saturday 29 June 2024, 10am to Midday

Come along and help fill a bag. Pick up a bag and equipment from the Morrell Room

Refreshments provided.

Vandals again, for the 3rd year running, destroy the newly planted flower displays In the Wheel Orchard car park

Sometime after dark, on the evening of Saturday 25 May, one of the newly installed flower troughs outside the public toilets in Goring was overturned, emptying all the contents onto the ground.

The Goring-on-Thames in Bloom team was planning to announce the arrival of the new wooden planters, that had been beautifully made by a long time Goring resident and Bloom supporter, Bernard Novell. Instead, the group are reporting the return of the malicious vandalism that has blighted Wheel Orchard toilet area for the past three years.

In 2023, vandals destroyed 4 planters and threw away all their contents. There were two attacks, the second resulting in the plants being thrown down the ladies' toilets, as shown in the photograph and reported in a previous issue of Village Matters. In 2022, another trough was dragged across the car park destroying it and throwing the plants all around.

It seems that the perpetrators of this destructive behaviour are incapable of understanding that the flowers that they wantonly destroy are planted with the intention of bringing pleasure to the people who live in the Goring Gap. Perhaps they should be pitied. Whatever the cause of their miserable nighttime stupidity, we hope that someone will be able to identify these vandals and inform our local police. They say they cannot do anything unless they are given names or some other evidence to work with. Please can someone help stop this by calling the police in confidence on 101 to give any name(s) you know are associated with this criminal damage. Thank you.

Would you like to help us protect and enhance our beautiful Goring Gap?

The Goring Gap Environmental Organisation is seeking several more people to become trustees of our registered charity with the mission to protect, conserve and enhance our local environment. GGEO has made a good start in this endeavour and is now looking for additional people to join

them as trustees, along with some project managers to continue and expand its work. Trustees usually meet once a month for up to two hours to discuss the management of the charity and its finances and oversee its activities. They occasionally meet at other times if there is a need.

Examples of current projects include monitoring the quality of our river water, increasing biodiversity by improving habitats and also helping reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

GGEO citizen science volunteers are currently taking weekly river water samples at four locations between South Stoke and Lower Basildon for twenty weeks using a strict aseptic protocol. These samples are being analysed by a UKAS-accredited microbiology laboratory to measure the levels of the two main faecal bacteria found in sewage-polluted rivers, Escherichia coli and Intestinal enterococci. At the end of the sampling period in September they will publish a detailed report of this study which will also be provided to Thames Water, the EA and Defra.

GGEO's Goring Repair Café project (<u>www.goringrepaircafe.info</u>) has been successfully established in Goring Village Hall for over a year now and 60% plus of all the broken items brought in to each event have been repaired free of charge and saved from landfill. With these, and several other projects underway, including controlling invasive species, creating new habitats and developing community orchards, there is plenty of work to do and so more help is needed.

If you would like more information about GGEO you can visit the website <u>www.ggeo.online</u> and then if you would like to have a chat about becoming a trustee or helping in other ways, please get in touch by emailing <u>ronbridle@btinternet.com</u> or calling 07789 871620. Thank you.

The Trustees, Goring Gap Environmental Organisation

Local Parish Councils

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-todate details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and further useful general information.

Goring-on-Thames PC;

Streatley PC;

South Stoke PC





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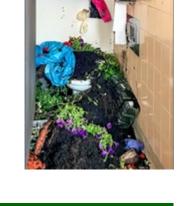
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COME ALONG AND HELP FILL A BAG

from the Morrell Roc

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

STREATLEY

None

SOUTH STOKE	
Location:	Little Haffets Cross Keys Road South Stoke RG8 0JT
Proposal:	Proposed two storey rear extension, front porch extension and new pitched roofs to existing dormers.
Reference Number:	<u>P24/S1546/HH</u>
Consultation Deadline:	12 June 2024
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Location:	Red Kite House Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL
Proposal:	Ground floor front extension incorporating new porch.
Reference Number:	P24/S1526/HH
Consultation Deadline:	13 June 2024
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Location:	South Stoke Primary School The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS
Proposal:	Continued use as outdoor play area but with replacement of free- standing play equipment. <u>P24/S1293/LDP</u> Target Decision Date 18 June 2024
Reference Number:	
Consultation Deadline:	

GORING

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	Lime Croft Limetree Road Goring RG8 9EY Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of 3-bed dwelling with associated landscaping. <u>P24/S1136/FUL</u> 7. June 2024

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	The Mill Cottage Lock Approach RG8 9ADAmendment to previously approved entrance extensionP24/S1605/HH26 June 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

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To visit WBC's planning website:

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Information on how to comment on a WBC application: https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations

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