

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter
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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 July

In this issue: 2 Road closures; Goring speed signs; Morrell Room AGM; Singing Workshop; Repair Café; Bus service withdrawn; Crime report; Graffiti removed – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Two Road Closures

1. South Stoke, Woodcote Road – 25 July 2024. 09.30 to 17.00 hours

This will apply to a length of Woodcote Road, whilst essential carriageway resurfacing works are carried out.

A copy of the drawing showing the extent of the closure and also the alternative routes for traffic can be seen [HERE](#). Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Vincent Kelly at VFK Groundwork Contractors Ltd on email vkelly@btinternet.com.

2. Streatley Hill – 29 July 2024. 09.30 to 15.30 hours

The closure will be between its junctions with The Coombe and Lewendon Hill. Residential access will be maintained throughout, and the diversion will be signed on site. Please note blue light access will be permitted.

The purpose of this closure is to enable Scottish and Southern Power Distribution to carry out tree pruning around their network.

All enquiries should be directed to Centurion Traffic Management on 01132 775360.

A plan of the closure can be found at <https://one.network/?tm=GB138905964>.



New speed signs in Goring

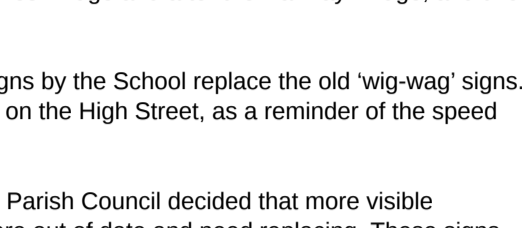
Goring-on-Thames Parish Council writes:

Today (11 July) vehicle activated speed signs have been installed at four locations in Goring, two on the High Street after the Thames Bridge and after the Railway Bridge, and two in Wallingford Road on the approaches to the School.

The signs on the High Street will be activated by cars exceeding the speed limit to show the message '20mph Slow Down'. The signs by the School replace the old 'wig-wag' signs. During school terms, at pick up and drop off times, they will show an illuminated school sign, at other times they will act, like those on the High Street, as a reminder of the speed limit and will be activated by vehicles exceeding it.

Despite the introduction of the overall 20mph speed limit in Goring, vehicles regularly exceed the limit. In the interest of safety, the Parish Council decided that more visible reminders, directed at those going over the limit, would help reduce speeding throughout the Village. By the School the old signs are out of date and need replacing. These signs will also reduce speeds at the difficult junction with Mill Road.

The Council hopes that the introduction of speed signs will be a significant contribution to reducing vehicle speeds in the Village and will encourage more walking and cycling as a result of a safer environment, as well as adding to the safety of children and parents at the School.



Next Goring Repair Café on Saturday 3 August

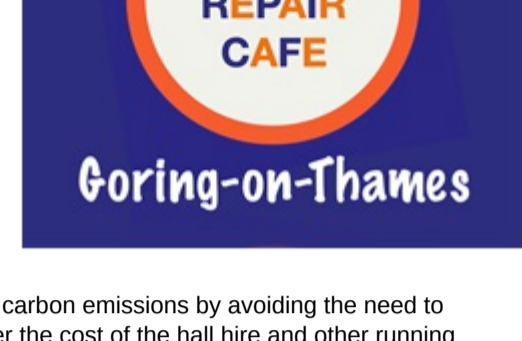
10am-12.30pm, in Goring Village Hall

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. It is run entirely by enthusiastic unpaid volunteers and helps to repair things which are often simple to fix if the skills are available. Usually there are around 14-18 repairers on duty at each event who will attempt to fix most things you bring in, including your bikes & buggies, garden machinery, electrical and other household appliances, computers & phones, small items of furniture, decorative boxes, clothes & textiles, tools, mower blades and knives and other items that need sharpening.

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 Bellème.

These events are usually on the first Saturday of 'even' months, so 6 times a year. For more information about how it all works and what items you can bring etc, please visit the website: www.goringrepaircafe.info, where the dates of all the forthcoming events are listed.

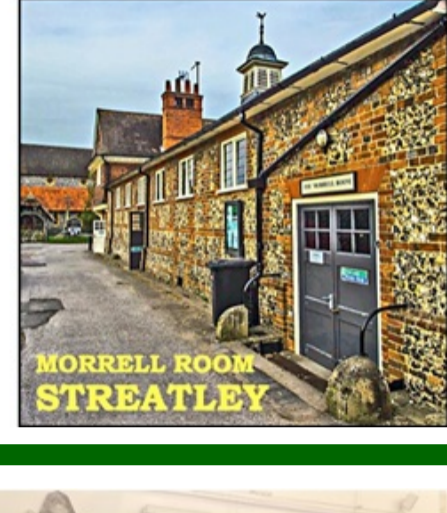
The Repair Café is a project run by the [Goring Gap Environmental Organisation](#) (GGEO) a local registered charity, to help reduce carbon emissions by avoiding the need to purchase a new replacement product when your old one can be fixed. The Repair Café welcomes any voluntary donations to cover the cost of the hall hire and other running expenses.



Morrell Room Annual General Meeting

Monday 29 July at 8pm in the Morrell Room

You are cordially invited to the AGM, which will be followed by a complimentary glass of wine and the opportunity to meet informally with the Committee.



Singing Workshop – St Thomas' Church Goring-on-Thames

Sunday 18 August 2024. 1.45-5pm

Following the success of the January Singing Workshop, Matt Foster will be running a Singing Workshop at St Thomas' Church on the afternoon of Sunday 18 August. After receiving valuable feedback, this workshop is designed for those who don't read music. Audio recordings and words are available on the [Benefice website](#) for those who want to sing the songs before the workshop. For those who do read music, there will be some harmonies available, but the emphasis is on singing by ear.

The programme will include folk songs (*Loch Lomond* and *Ye Banks and Braes*) and popular 'classics' such as *Flanders and Swann's Hippopotamus*. More information about the workshop, including how to register, can be found on the Benefice website: [Benefice of Goring and Streatley with South Stoke](#) (thomandmary.org.uk).



Goring's railway bridge is finally graffiti-free

Following a lengthy 3-month negotiation process, which eventually resulted in a 24-page contract between Network Rail, the owners of the bridge, and Goring-on-Thames in Bloom, to clean and repaint the bridge, work finally began on 1 July.

With a grant from Goring-on-Thames Parish Council, the various cleaning and degreasing chemicals, industrial metallic paint and anti-graffiti protection coating products were purchased. Volunteers were then recruited and 3 days of work, dodging the showers, resulted in the fresh green look the bridge currently enjoys.

The Police have identified a number of the graffiti taggers responsible for their handwork and so we hope it remain clear of any further graffiti in the long term. The Royal Horticultural Society judges inspected the village for this year's Britain in Bloom annual competition on 8 July, several days after the bridge was repainted. The Goring Bloomers and its volunteers, who helped with the painting and all the weeding etc around the village, are eagerly awaiting the RHS competition results on 25 September, when they will learn the outcome of their efforts to make the village look its best.



Bus service withdrawn

At the end of this August, Thames Travel will not be operating the 143 or BB3 services any more.

Reading Buses will operate these services from September. However, No.143 journeys will no longer extend to Lower Basildon, Streatley or Goring.

The number of the 143 service will change to the 43. The route of this service will be Reading – Pangbourne – Upper Basildon.

There will be no change in the route or timetable of the BB3 service which Reading Buses will renumber as the 93 service.

You can see the new timetable [HERE](#).



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

14 June Burglary – Manor Road
 16 June Public Order – Manor Road
 18 June Criminal Damage – Gardiner recreation ground
 19 June Concern for safety
 22 June Noise nuisance
 29 June Malicious communications
 29 June Suspicious person – Arcade vandalism
 04 July Assault – Elmcroft Road



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](#)



Current local Planning Applications

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 nine applications for Goring, five for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

STREATLEY	
Location:	Vine Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JD Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 3 (Construction method statement) and 4 (Biodiversity measures) of planning permission 23/02427/HOUSE - Demolition of existing modern outbuilding at rear, and construction of extension to provide a new kitchen / dining room, utility room, WC and ancillary accommodation
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	24/01320/COND
Consultation Deadline:	18 July 2024

Location:	Vine Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JD Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 3 (Samples of Materials), 4 (New Brickwork to Match Existing), 5 (Rainwater Goods cast iron) and 6 (External Joinery Windows / Doors) of planning permission 23/02428/LBC - Demolition of existing modern outbuilding at rear, and construction of extension to provide a new kitchen / dining room, utility room, WC and ancillary accommodation
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	24/01321/COND
Consultation Deadline:	18 July 2024

Location:	Snowdrop Cottage High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JD Exact replacement of some wooden windows due to rotting. The windows have been repaired several times.
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	24/00402/LBC
Consultation Deadline:	23 July 2024

Location:	Long Close Aldworth Road Streatley Reading RG8 9RB Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Materials) and 14 (Spoil) of approved 23/01390/FUL - Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of 1no. dwellinghouse and associated garage; relocation of access and accompanying landscaping proposals.
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	24/01106/COND
Consultation Deadline:	Determination Deadline 30 July 2024

Location:	The Churchyard St Marys Church Church Lane Streatley Reading Two x Syringa sp. and One x Prunus spinosa - Removal of three poor specimens of hedge tree, to enable replacement iron fence to be installed. Any gaps in the hedge will be replanted following final installation of the fence.
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	24/01319/TPC
Consultation Deadline:	Determination deadline 31 Jul 2024

SOUTH STOKE	
None	

GORING	
Location:	Land east of Manor Road Goring RG8 9EJ Discharge of condition 20 (Energy Efficiency) and Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) for changes to roof configuration, garages, parking spaces etc on specific plots. Not subject to public consultation
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S1720/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 19 July 2024

Location:	Oakleigh 4 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0AH Demolition of existing rear conservatory new single storey rear extension and internal alterations
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S2101/HH
Consultation Deadline:	22 July 2024

Location:	5 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) and 3 (Drainage/service details) on P23/S0416/FUL - new dwelling on adjacent land
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S2083/ST3
Consultation Deadline:	23 July 2024

Location:	76 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HN Non-material amendment (change to grey slate tiles and grey anthracite windows & doors) on P23/S4189/HH - extension to create two storey dwelling. Not subject to public consultation.
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S2071/NM
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 29 July 2024

Location:	Crossways Manor Road Goring RG8 9DT Removal of existing gate & remnant rear boundary fence; replacement timber gate & lapped boarding fence; refurbishment of parking area and access
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S1201/HH
Consultation Deadline:	31 July 2024

Location:	14 Nuns Acre Goring RG8 9BE Discharge of condition 4(Air Source Heat Pump) on P24/S0373/HH - Alterations to existing house to insulate, re-roof and re-clad the roofs and dormers etc. Not subject to public consultation
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S1848/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 1 August 2024

Location:	Bloomsbury Lodge Little Croft Road Goring RG8 9ER Erection of single storey outbuilding
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S1961/LDP
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 13 August 2024

Location:	19 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP Discharge of conditions 3 (biodiversity offsetting) & 4 (lighting) on P24/S1080/FUL - demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings. Not subject to public consultation
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S1964/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 15 August 2024

Location:	19 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP Discharge of conditions 5 (surface water), 6 (foul water), 7 (flood plain), 8 (materials), 9 (biodiversity), 10 (boundary), 11 (landscaping) & 12 (cycle parking) on P24/S1080/FUL - demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings. Not subject to public consultation
Proposal:	
Reference Number:	P24/S2139/DIS
Consultation Deadline:	Target decision date 4 September 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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