

**Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter**

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Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 October

In this issue: Rail disruption in November/December; Author talk; Chamber Choir concert; Hub news; New councillor; Lost scarf; SODC news – and our latest update of new planning applications.

**Reminder: Dr Gabriel Hemery will talk about his book 'The Tree Almanac: A Seasonal Guide to the Woodland World'**

Wednesday 23 October in the Galilee Room at Our Lady & St John, Ferry Lane, Goring

Drinks served from 7pm, with the talk starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 to include refreshments and can be purchased from Inspiration.

Wallingford Book Shop will be in attendance selling a selection of the author's work.

All profits from the evening will go towards supporting Goring Library.

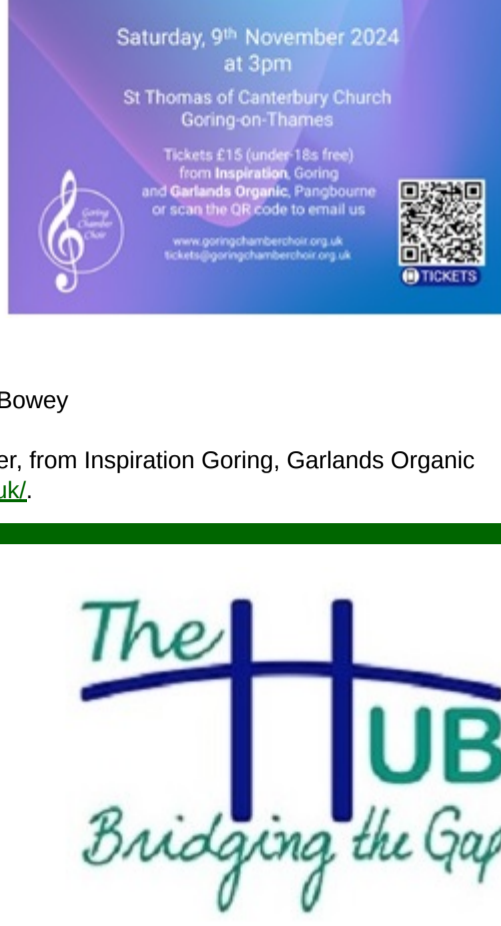
Click on the graphic for more information.



**Goring Chamber Choir Concert**

Saturday 9 November 2024 at 3pm in St Thomas' Church, Goring

A Thousand Years of Song. In a big change from their last concert, Goring Chamber Choir's next performance focuses on music from three short periods of history. First is the 12th and early 13th centuries, when Hildegard of Bingen was composing her ecstatic visions. Other songs from the period include the well-loved round *Summer is icumen in*, attributed to a monk of Reading Abbey. Moving on, 400 years, they will contrast the late renaissance style of Queen Elizabeth I's reign with the exciting new developments and first operas from Italy – Byrd versus Monteverdi and Francesca Caccini with instruments added to the mix. Another 400 years along, and they'll move to the sound of the 21st century, including a focus on women composers. Plus, they will perform pieces by Paul Spicer and Eric Whitacre, whose *Sainte-Chapelle* is as ecstatic a vision of a stained-glass window as Hildegard of Bingen's songs were 900 years earlier. Canadian composer Sarah Quartel sets a 13th century text, the *Golden Sequence*, bringing our vision full circle.



Musical Director: Frances Brewitt-Taylor; Accompanist: Steve Bowey

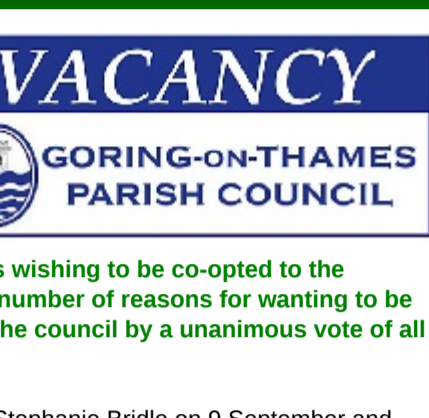
Tickets: £15. Free for under-18s. Obtainable from a choir member, from Inspiration Goring, Garlands Organic Pangbourne, or on the door. <http://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk/>.

**News from the Hub**

The Hub's Video Race Night, Friday 15 November, is approaching! Your ticket includes a glass of wine on arrival, table nibbles and a delicious sausage and mash supper and can be bought from <https://shorturl.at/PQdxZ>.

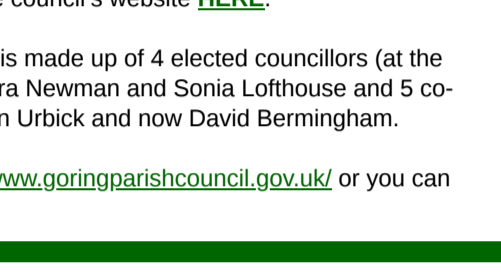
Tickets for the Hub's 'Celebrating George Michael' event on Friday 22 June 2025 are selling fast. To buy them use this link [www.tinyurl.com/GMparty2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/GMparty2025).

The Hub has another event during George Michael weekend on Friday 20 June 2025, called 'Champagne and Canapés in the Garden'. For more information on the event and to buy tickets go to the Eventbrite page on [www.tinyurl.com/GMchampers2025](http://www.tinyurl.com/GMchampers2025).



**New councillor co-opted to Goring-on-Thames Parish Council on 14 October, leaving one vacant seat**

At the full parish council meeting in the Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall on 14 October at item 4.2 on the agenda, David Bermingham responded to the Chair's invitation to hear representations from any eligible persons wishing to be co-opted to the council. Mr Bermingham stood up in the public gallery and gave a number of reasons for wanting to be considered for the position and was subsequently co-opted to the council by a unanimous vote of all councillors present.



Two vacancies existed prior to that point due to the resignations of Cllr Stephanie Bridle on 9 September and Andrew Smith at an earlier date. To see the official advertisement, eligibility criteria, how to apply for the remaining seat and other relevant information, click the link to the council's website [HERE](http://www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk/).

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council has 10 seats, and is currently is made up of 4 elected councillors (at the election on 4 May 2023): Jim Emerson, Robin Williamson, Barbara Newman and Sonia Lofthouse with 5 co-opted councillors: Nick Mallen, Mike Stares, Toby Thurston, Bryan Urbick and now David Bermingham.

Further information is available on the council's website: <https://www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk/> or you can email the clerk on [Clerk@GoringParishCouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@GoringParishCouncil.gov.uk).

**Lost and Found**

Scarf lost in Streatley Meadows – Thursday 10 October afternoon.

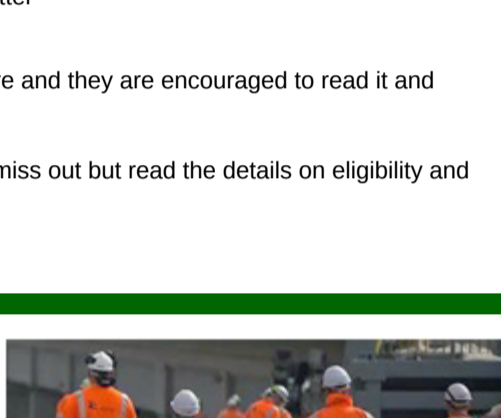
Dusty pink wool scarf lost. If you find it please contact Sally Bickerdyke, 20 The Birches, Goring. Tel: 07388891706.



**The September/October Report from the SODC Local Councillor**

The latest Report from Maggie Filipova-Rivers contains items on the following subjects:

- Draft Joint Local Plan Published
- New Waste and Street Cleansing Strategy Adopted
- Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2) funding is closing soon
- SODC has reviewed its Net Zero Targets
- Councillor Grant Scheme
- Revenue Grant Scheme
- New Energy Saver App
- Grants to support decarbonisation of businesses and organizations to launch in Sept
- Extra Garden Waste Collections
- Save the Date – Eco Fair
- SODC joins UK100
- Bucks, Oxon and Berkshire integrated care board newsletter
- Useful Links



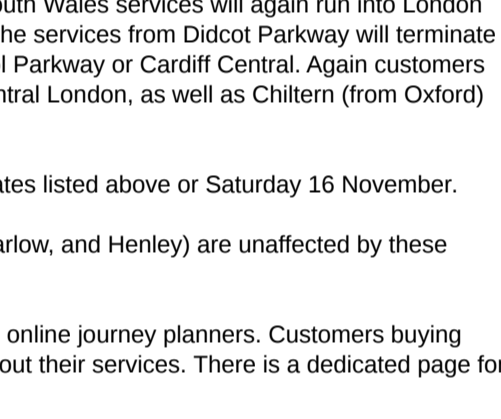
The draft Local Plan will affect all those living in South Oxfordshire and they are encouraged to read it and submit comments.

The deadline for several available grants is approaching – don't miss out but read the details on eligibility and how to apply in her report.

It can be read in full [HERE](http://www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk/).

**Rail disruption due to the construction of the HS2 station at Old Oak Common**

All lines between Ealing Broadway and London Paddington will be closed on Sunday 17 November and between 27 and 29 December. Christmas closedown of all GWR service on 25 and 26 December.



At the same time, Network Rail will also be carrying out track maintenance designed to improve punctuality and reliability of services in the Thames Valley area.

Some high-speed services from Devon & Cornwall and South Wales to London will be diverted to London Euston instead of London Paddington. These services will be reservation only and will not call at Reading.

On Sunday 17 November, all other GWR services will start/terminate at Reading, where customers can change for Elizabeth Line services to Ealing Broadway and then from there to London Underground. There will also be ticket acceptance in place on Chiltern (from Oxford) and SWR services into London Marylebone and London Waterloo respectively. The Night Riviera sleeper will run to/from London Euston instead of Paddington. More information on this date is available at [www.gwr.com/en/goinengineering](http://www.gwr.com/en/goinengineering).

Between 27 and 29 December, some Devon & Cornwall and South Wales services will again run into London Euston, with other high-speed services terminating at Reading. The services from Didcot Parkway will terminate at Ealing Broadway, with some extended back to Swindon, Bristol Parkway or Cardiff Central. Again customers can use the London Underground from Ealing Broadway into Central London, as well as Chiltern (from Oxford) and SWR services.

The Heathrow Express will not be running to the airport on the dates listed above or Saturday 16 November.

The Thames Valley branch line services (Greenford, Windsor, Marlow, and Henley) are unaffected by these works.

All the revised journey details have been updated and are now in online journey planners. Customers buying tickets for these dates will therefore have the right information about their services. There is a dedicated page for more information at [www.gwr.com/christmas](http://www.gwr.com/christmas).

Staff based at London Euston on the affected dates will be available to help customers who may be unfamiliar with travelling from there.

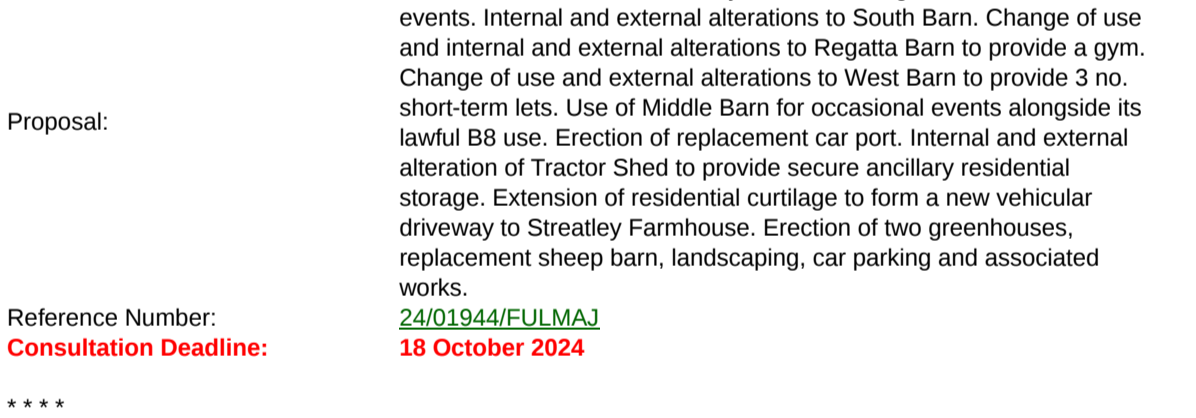
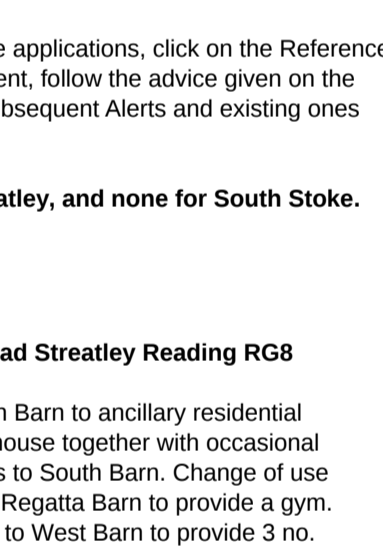
**Local Parish Councils**

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 'Growth 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 eight applications for Goring, five for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

**STREATLEY**

**Location:** Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT  
**Proposal:** Change of use of South Barn and North Barn to ancillary residential use in association with Streatley Farmhouse together with occasional events. Internal and external alterations to South Barn. Change of use and internal and external alterations to Regatta Barn to provide a gym. Change of use and external alterations to West Barn to provide 3 no. short-term lets. Use of Middle Barn for occasional events alongside its lawful B8 use. Erection of replacement car port. Internal and external alteration of Tractor Shed to provide secure ancillary residential storage. Extension of residential curtilage to form a new vehicular driveway to Streatley Farmhouse. Erection of two greenhouses, replacement sheep barn, landscaping, car parking and associated works.  
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**Consultation Deadline:** 18 October 2024

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**Reference Number:** 24/01945/LBC  
**Consultation Deadline:** 18 October 2024

**Location:** Cleeve Court Cottage Streatley Reading RG8 9PR  
**Proposal:** Two storey side extension and internal alterations  
**Reference Number:** 24/02024/HOUSE  
**Consultation Deadline:** 25 October 2024

**Location:** 1 Church Croft Cottage Church Lane Streatley Reading RG8 9HU  
**Proposal:** T1 - Purple Prunus: Remove and cutting planted in Location A  
**Reference Number:** 24/02119/TPC  
**Consultation Deadline:** Determination deadline: 12 November 2024

**Location:** High Hollies Wood Streatley Reading  
**Proposal:** To carry out all recommended safety works as listed within the accompanying Duty of Care tree survey report dated June 2023  
**Reference Number:** 24/02152/TPW  
**Consultation Deadline:** Determination deadline: 27 November 2024

**SOUTH STOKE**

None

**GORING**

**Location:** Brabham House 85B Wallingford Rd RG8 0HL  
**Proposal:** Single storey side extension. Enclosure of existing open porch to the front elevation with addition of small log store.  
**Reference Number:** P24/S2997/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 16 October 2024

**Location:** 3 Springfield End Goring RG8 0DY  
**Proposal:** Replacement rear conservatory.  
**Reference Number:** P24/S3081/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 23 October 2024

**Location:** Thurler Down Bridle Way Goring RG8 0HS  
**Proposal:** Replacement of two-bay garage, with two-bay oak frame garage. (Renewal of P21/S3532/HH)  
**Reference Number:** P24/S2802/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 23 October 2024

**Location:** Beechwood House Elvendon Road RG8 0DT  
**Proposal:** Conversion of existing garage into home gym, rear dormer added to home office & modifications to existing fenestration; 14 (Materials) garden room, new double garage & relocation of entrance gates.  
**Reference Number:** P24/S3135/HH  
**Consultation Deadline:** 24 October 2024

**Location:** 19 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 5(Surface water), 7(Flood plain compensation), 10(Boundary) and 11(Landscaping) on P24/S1080/FUL - two detached houses. Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** P24/S2816/DIS  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 4 November 2024

**Location:** Cedar Wood House Elvendon Road RG8 0LP  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 3 (materials), 4 (lighting strategy for bats), 6 (landscaping) & 7 (glazing) P23/S4299/FUL - replacement dwelling. Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** P24/S2924/DIS  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 11 November 2024

**Location:** 45 Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 0EN  
**Proposal:** Discharge of condition 8 (external lighting) on P24/S0420/FUL - erection of replacement two storey dwelling & garden outbuilding. Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** P24/S3032/DIS  
**Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 19 November 2024

**Location:** Land to the west of Wallingford Road Adjacent to Sewage Works RG8 0JA  
**Proposal:** Discharge of conditions 7 (Tree Protection), 8 (CTMP), 9 & 10 (Drainage), 11, 12 & 13 (Contours & Landscaping), 14 (Materials), 17 (Maintenance), and 18 (Lighting) on P20/S4706/FUL -Temporary permission for 25 years for a Transitional Hybrid Energy Project associated infrastructure & access) Not subject to public consultation.  
**Reference Number:** P24/S3219/DIS  
**Consultation Deadline:** 4 December 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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