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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 12 December

In this issue: Road closure; Thai Lotus opening; Goring Christmas Shopping evening; Goring Repair Café; December What's On; Local resilience forum; Bourdillon Playground refurbishment; Defbrillators - and our latest update of new planning applications.

Road Closure – B4009 Hampstead Norreys

Wyld Court Hill 10 to 12 December - 24 hour closure

Residential and Blue light access will be available. Access to The Living Rainforest will be maintained.

Contact number: 01635 519080.

Map of Diversion can be found here: <u>https://one.network/?tm=GB141293092</u>.

Thai Lotus takeaway to open in Goring **Arcade on 4 December**

Extending the choice of food available in Goring, and occupying the long-gone Chef King Chinese takeaway unit in the Arcade, Renu Lofthouse will offer a wide range of Thai dishes and flavours from mild to very spicy. Renu says she loves cooking, because it makes people happy. She has experience in running restaurants in Thailand and Laos and working latterly in Oxford. Her offering will be popular food from across Northern, North-eastern, Southern and Central Thailand.

Opening hours will be Tuesday to Friday 11.30am-2.30pm & 5.30pm-8.30pm, Saturday & Sunday 11.30am-8.30pm. (Monday closed).

You can order by phone on 07471 187036, in-person at 3, The Arcade, High Street, Goring, RG8 9AY or online at www.thailotus.co.uk. The website will be active on 4 December when the full menu will be online. When convenient, it is best to pre-order where possible to avoid waiting. Renu and her sister, Apple, look forward to welcoming you to try their new service.

Goring Christmas Shopping Evening Friday 6 December, 4-8pm

As usual, the shops and businesses in the Arcade and elsewhere in the High Street will be open until 8pm and welcoming residents and shoppers to meet them at this wonderful annual social event.

Father Christmas will be greeting the children in Inspiration and Punch & Judy will be making appearances to entertain everyone. There will be plenty of tasty BBQ and other food and drink available including, perhaps, some complimentary Prosecco in one or two shops? Listening to the choir and joining in with the singing is always a popular aspect of the event. There will also be many craft and other stalls in the Arcade and nearby with interesting goods on display. Our local firefighters will be on hand, as usual, to show people the fire engine and how it works.





It will be a festive event and a good evening out for all and a convenient opportunity for picking up some Christmas presents and cards at the same time.

Next Goring Repair Café – Saturday 7 December, 10am-12.30pm, Goring Village Hall

On Saturday 7 December there will be 26 unpaid volunteers on duty in Goring Village Hall, all there to try to fix your broken items free of charge. Of these, 17 will be skilled repairers, the largest number we have ever had at one event, with a wide variety of skills, each set up with their own work station and tools, who will try to fix more of less anything you bring in. The Goring Repair Café has a success rate of about 70% in getting your broken products fully working again, or at least partially working, depending on whether it needs a spare part, so it's well worth a visit. In addition to the repairers, there are 9 support staff, who will register your products and allocate them to the most appropriate repairer, as well as



undertaking other tasks, including providing refreshments for you in Café Bellême.

All residents and visitors from surrounding villages are welcome to bring in up to two items, eg bikes, buggies, lamps, fans, toasters, toys, computers, phones, textiles, vacuum cleaners, food mixers, other small electrical and non-electrical products, small leather and wooden items and small pieces of furniture and kitchen knives for sharpening etc. Please note that in the November edition of the Goring Gap News it stated that John, our specialist and popular garden tool repairer and blade sharpener was committed elsewhere on this date; however, he has changed his plans and will be there on the 7th.

If you haven't been to the Repair Café before, you can find a video, photographs and more information about what happens there on our website: goringrepaircafe.info. (When you open it, click on the logo to start the short video – and check you have your sound on and click to see it full screen).

The Goring Repair Café is an environmental project run by local charity Goring Gap Environmental Organisation (GGEO) to help reduce waste and avoid the carbon emissions produced when people have to purchase a new replacement product, which is often made abroad and shipped here. So, if your existing product can be fixed it all helps to protect our Planet - and saves you money. We welcome any voluntary donations to cover the cost of the hall hire and other expenses. If you don't have anything broken to be fixed at this time, you are still very welcome to just pop in to have a look at what happens in the village hall every other month – and you can enjoy having a sit down with a coffee or tea and some wonderful homemade cake.

What's On – for the month of December 2024

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the Genie Calendar

Please go there for details and more events, or to add

your own event for free:



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1-31 Dec	Advent window trail with theme <i>Snow</i> – maps from Goring Library
Sun 1 Dec	5pm GSCB Starter Band Christmas Cracker
Mon 2 Dec	6pm The Oratory Christmas Fair
Tues 3 Dec	2pm Pilates at the Hub
Wed 4 Dec	 Thai Lotus opening 6.30-8.30pm Free Seminar on the budget 7.30pm Greenfingers social evening
Fri 6 Dec	 4-8pm Christmas Shopping evening in Goring 8pm Goring and Streatley Wine Society Christmas Extravaganza
Sat 7 Dec	10-12.30pm Goring Repair Café
Sun 8 Dec	3pm GSCB Christmas Concert
Wed 11 Dec	7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI Christmas party
Fri 13 Dec	7pm Candlelit Carols Opus Anglicanum
Sat 14 Dec	7.30pm Mandolinquents Christmas Special in Goring Village Hall
Mon16 Dec	2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: Edward Caswell: The Bronze Age
Tuesday 17 Dec	10.45am Dementia support group at the Hub
Thurs 19 Dec	 10.30am Pick-a-Flick: <i>Mrs Doubtfire</i> 10.30-11.30am Christmas Storytime and Crafts in Goring Library
Fri 20 Dec	7.30pm Goring Unplugged Christmas Special
Tues 24 Dec	12.30pm Library closes for the Christmas break

Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum

The Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum is a partnership made up of representatives from the emergency services, local authorities, and the NHS. The partnership works closely with the Highways Agency, train operating companies, public utilities, and many others from the British Red Cross to the MoD. In an incident, everyone comes together to help the people of Thames Valley by responding in a way that minimises the impact on the public, property, and environment of Thames Valley. You can find more information here: https://www.thamesvalleyIrf.org.uk/.

Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum

They have produced a useful booklet called "Are You Ready?" that has practical advice about what you can do to prepare for emergencies. You can find it here: https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/fire-and-rescue/AreYouReadybooklet.pdf.

Refurbishment of Bourdillon Playground Facilities

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council has sent the following procurement notice to the Henley Standard:



Goring-on-Thames Parish Council plans to refurbish its Bourdillon playground facilities with the intention that the new facilities will be available before summer 2025.

The Council hereby confirms that it has released an Invitation to Tender (ITT) for bids from specialist suppliers of playground equipment. Full details of the requirements, timescales and bid process are included in the ITT. A copy of the ITT can be obtained via the Council website: http://www.goringparishcouncil.gov.uk/ or by emailing the Council Clerk at clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk.

All companies wishing to bid for this work must notify the Council by Friday 20th December and all bids must be received by 3pm, Friday 7th February 2025.

In an emergency – would you know where your nearest life-saving defibrillator is located – and what to do with it?

Also called an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), these machines are available for the public to use in an emergency. AEDs are made to be used safety and effectively by the public without any prior training.

They need to be removed from their locked cabinets and taken to where the person is while waiting for the emergency services to arrive.

It's not appropriate here to discuss the treatment of heart attacks or when you suspect a person's heart has stopped, but the first things to do are:

- 1. Call for emergency help by phoning 999 or 112
- 2. Tell the call handler you need an ambulance for a suspected heart attack and details of where you are etc.

Below are the locations where you can find these defibrillators in Goring, Streatley, South Stoke and, in fact, anywhere in the UK if you need one while away.

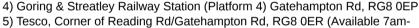
Locations (Available 24/7 unless otherwise stated).



Goring:

1) Goring Village Hall (on the wall outside the Bellême Room) High St, RG8 9HG

- 2) Gardiner Recreation Ground, Upper Red Cross Rd (Pavilion), RG8 9BD
- 3) Sheepcot Recreation Ground, Gatenampton Rd (Pavilion). RG8 UEN



11pm)

6) Goring Fire Station, Icknield Road, RG8 0DG

Streatley:

1) Coombe House, The Coombe, RG8 9QL (Available 24/7 - on wall up drive of Care Home) 2) Streatley Primary School, The Coombe, RG8 9QL (School hours 8am-4pm Mon-Fri)

South Stoke:

1) Perch & Pike PH, The Street, RG8 0JS

Other villages, or anywhere you are in the UK

To find the nearest AED wherever you are, open this link, https://www.defibfinder.uk/.

Put in your postcode or your location (if you're away from home) and it will show you a list of the nearest 10 defibrillators to you, availability details and a map of where they are.

Instructions of how to open the locked cabinets are on the front: 1) Call 999, 2) Tell the call handler you are at the location number stated on the cabinet, 3) You will be given the code to unlock the cabinet, 4) enter the code into the keypad above the handle and press the handle down, 6) Stay on the line for further guidance by the call handler. Once you have the machine and switched it on, setting it up and putting the 2 pads on the patient etc is just a matter of listening to the instructions on the machine's speaker.

How to set up and use an AED:

To watch a video from St John Ambulance about how to use a defibrillator click this YouTube LINK (You can 'Skip the advert', bottom right).

A guide to where you can find a defibrillator and when you should use it. Defibrillators - a guide for rescuers (St John Ambulance)

If you would like to learn more about First Aid there are several good smart phone Apps by St John Ambulance and the Red Cross and a comprehensive A5 size 290-page manual by them published by DK called First Aid Manual, 11th Edition.

NB: If someone else is with you ask them to comfort the casualty while you go to collect the nearest defibrillator. If you are alone, stay with the person and do what you can until professional help arrives. Do not leave the collapsed person in order to bring a defibrillator to them unless you have called 999 and someone else is continuing CPR / CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (chest compressions).

You can find a PDF file of this article HERE - you can download and print it to keep for future reference.

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.

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

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Proposal:

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Location: **Proposal: Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:** Land Adjacent To Garden Cottage Streatley Reading 8no. Ash - Fell due to Ash Die Back 1no. Beech Tree - Monolith to 4.5m (tree is dead) 1no. Alder Fell 1no. Crab Apple and 1no. Cypress - crown lift to 4m over the driveway 24/02108/TPW **Determination Deadline: 3 December 2024**

8 Pound Cottages Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JH T1 - Apple: Light prune by 30-60cm back T2 - Bay: Currently approx 5m, to be reduced to 2.15m 24/02301/TPC **Determination Deadline: 3 December 2024**

White Hart House 4 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JE Proposed Cart Shed 24/02380/HOUSE 21 January 2025

Ponds House & Kays Barn The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS Amalgamation of two residential dwellings into a single demise

Ground floor rear and side extension, rear canopy, carport and all

Land to the west of Wallingford Road Adjacent to Sewage Works

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.

Repairs to timber window frame, lintel and adjacent brickwork with recovered bricks to right hand window on front elevation (fully

Discharge of conditions 7 (Tree Protection), 8 (CTMP), 9 &10 (Drainage), 11,12 & 13 (Contours & Landscaping), 14 (Materials),

comprising a main house and detached annexe.

Target Decision Date: 7 January 2025

2 Reading Road Goring RG8 0ET

Target decision date: 4 December 2024

4 Valley Close Goring Reading RG8 0AN

Virgo Beauty High Street Goring RG8 9AR

retrospective for works completed in 2022)

Two storey rear and side extension. Replacement porch

P24/S3634/LDP

associated works

2 December 2024

P24/S3545/HH

P24/S3219/DIS

P24/S3631/HH

P24/S3582/LB

11 December 2024

5 December 2024

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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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18 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 0AU Non-Material amendment to P24/S0065/HH - first floor extension over garage: change front elevation from proposed render to fibre cement. P24/S3374/NM

supply P24/S3474/OH

Like for like replacement of timber window frame, repairs to lintel and adiacent brickwork with recovered bricks to left hand window on front elevation (partly retrospective).

Virgo Beauty High Street Goring RG8 9AR

P24/S3201/HH 11 December 2024

Bloomsbury Lodge Little Croft Road RG8 9ER Erection of a single storey outbuilding P24/S3201/HH **16 December 2024**

Not subject to public consultation.

Target decision date: 18 December 2024

Gatehampton Farm Goring RG8 9LU

Increase in load upgrade from a single phase to three phase power

Target decision date: 25 December 2024

