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Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 January 2025

In this issue: Christmas Eve; Road Closure; Genie needs help; January What's On; Performing arts grant - and our latest update of new planning applications.





If anyone would like to help run or support the event in some way, or have any comments about it, then please get in touch by emailing gstorchlight@gmail.com.

We use social media not just for this newsletter, Village Matters, but also for our red-topped Public Information one which we send out for urgent and emergency information

volunteers to provide topical information and emergency alerts for people in the Goring Gap. Just a couple of

hours a month of your time would be so helpful. If you may be able to help, please send us a note to

Suggested alternative route: via B4009, A4074, B471, and vice versa. A map can be found HERE

The road will be closed between Gatehampton Road and Fairfield Road on 20 January 2025, 09.30 to 15.30. Access: Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

in our newsletters into our rather out of date Facebook page to let more people hear about them quickly.

bulletins. Please have a look at our Genie website for

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Road Closure: Reading Road, Goring

Goring Chamber Choir Concert

Saturday 25 January 2025 at 3pm in St Thomas'

joys, a cheerful drinking song, looking ahead to a

wedding in the spring. Well-known slow pieces such as

Stanford's 'The blue bird', Michael Head's 'The little road to Bethlehem' and Elgar's 'The snow' contrast with the vigour and vitality of Debussy's 'Yver, vous n'estes qu'un villain' and Russell-Smith's toe-tapping 'The wedding

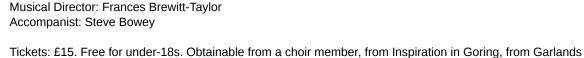
news@genienews.org or phone 07789 871620 for a chat. Thank you.

more information.

Church, Goring

Entitled 'Blow, blow thou winter wind' this concert joins Blow, Blow together two aspects of winter: the 'freezing, bitter sky' and 'heigh ho, the holly, this life is most jolly'. The thou Winter Wind programme seeks to balance and rejoice in these two Music and poetry for a winter's day aspects of life in January: the terrible beauty of the still world in winter under snow and ice and post-Christmas

ring'. Poetry readings between the groups of choral songs will also highlight this contrast, summed up in Rutter's



Could you spare a little time to help Genie prepare this newsletter?

Genie is produced every fortnight by a small team of 4 volunteers and we really need a few additional people to help out for a few hours. It is interesting and

rewarding work liaising with the public, researching

the stories and writing them up and we can help you

pick it up very quickly. Some IT skills are an

If you may be able to help, please send us a note to

What's On – for the month of January

Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events

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

advantage but not essential.

on the Genie Calendar

your own event for free:

Thursday 2 Jan

Fri 3 Jan

Tues 7 Jan

Tuesday 21 Jan

Sat 25 Jan

Sun 26 Jan

Thurs 30 Jan

2025

Organic in Pangbourne, or on the door.

http://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk/

setting of Shakespeare's text.

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Wed 8 Jan • 12noon Goring Gap News copy deadline • 7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI Simon Booker: Hebridean adventure 7.30pm Goring Community Jazz in Goring Village Hall Fri 10 Jan Thurs 16 Jan 10.30am Pick-a-Flick: Jane Eyre Mon 20 Jan

What it is and where it came from

· Genie News copy deadline

 10.45am Dementia support group at the Hub • 4.45pm Social scrabble at the Library

• 5pm Book Club at Goring Library

New Performing Arts Grant gets approval South Oxfordshire Community organisations working in the arts in District Council South Oxfordshire will benefit from a new grant launching next year. Listening Learning Leading Following a Cabinet meeting on Thursday 28 November, South Oxfordshire District Council members approved their new Performing Arts Grant. The new grant will open on 3 February 2025 and be open to voluntary and community organisations in South Oxfordshire, who will be able to apply for up to £5,000 in funding for projects that improve community wellbeing across the district.

More details about the grant along with information about the launch event and drop-in events across the district will be made available in the new year on the council's website southoxon.gov.uk/grants and organisations can contact the Community Arts team performingartsgrants@southandvale.gov.uk for support when the grant is

2pm Meeting to discuss library garden project – all welcome

4pm Concert Spanish Fantasia for Classical Guitar and Piano

10.30am Goring Gap u3a: Medicinal and Poisonous plants

• 3pm Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind presented by Goring Chamber Choir

Streatley PC; South Stoke PC

Current local Planning Applications

which to respond are at the top.

STREATLEY

Location:

Location:

Proposal:

GORING

Proposal:

Reference Number:

Reference Number:

Consultation Deadline:

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will remain until the consultation period has expired.

RG8 9JE Proposed Cart Shed Proposal: **Reference Number:** 24/02380/HOUSE **Consultation Deadline:** 21 January 2025 SOUTH STOKE

P24/S3634/LDP

P24/S3773/HH

16 January 2025

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

Two storey rear and first floor side extension to create en-suite shower

comprising a main house and detached annexe.

Target Decision Date: 7 January 2025

7 Elmcroft Goring-on-Thames RG8 9EU

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

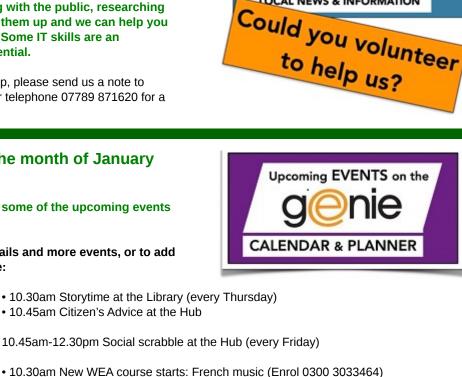
Should you be interested in finding out more, or commenting on any of these applications, click on the Reference number link to the application. To make a comment to the planning department, follow the advice given on the application. New applications, if there are any, will be added to the lists in subsequent Alerts and existing ones

High Barn Spring Lane Goring RG8 0HR Location: New single storey garden pavilion. Proposal: Reference Number: P24/S3905/HH 16 January 2025 **Consultation Deadline:** 19 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP Location:

<u>application</u> * * * * * To visit WBC's planning website:

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LOCAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Saturday 25th January 2025

St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Goring-on-Thames

The grant scheme aims to enhance the cultural landscape of South Oxfordshire by providing a financial boost to projects that help improve the quality of life of people living in the district, through projects that have a significant impact on the community. Applicants must show how their projects meet the following community values and priorities, fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable performing arts scene in South Oxfordshire: • Increase the range of arts opportunities available to local communities. Support inclusive practice and celebrate diversity

Non-for-profit groups, arts, or community groups

Click on the link below for your parish council's website for upto-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes

Schools (for non-core curriculum activities)

Develop new audiences and participants in performing arts initiatives

 Develop local artistic talent · Promote innovation and excellence

Organisations eligible to apply are:

· Town and parish councils

Local Parish Councils

Goring-on-Thames PC;

and further useful general information.

open.

Council

MEETINGS & MINUTES

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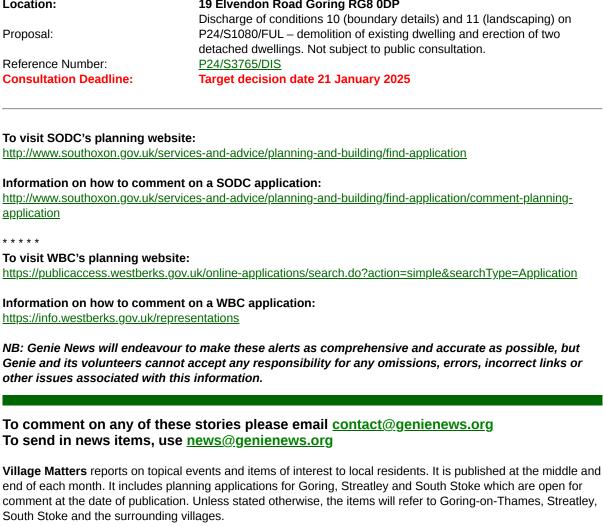
Streatley

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Click below to see details of three applications for Goring, one for Streatley, and one for South Stoke. White Hart House 4 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading

Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

South Stoke and the surrounding villages. If you like it, please forward to your friends and encourage them to subscribe. Also, to ensure you your contact list. More details on Genie newsletters <u>here</u>.



The organisers acknowledged they couldn't have done it without all volunteers on the evening who freely gave their time, expertise and services, along with the local pubs, businesses and other organisations which supported it to help our community celebrate Christmas Eve together in this special way. The organising committee would Are you good posting social media? Would you like to use your skills for a good cause? If so, Genie would love to hear from you! We are looking for one or two public-spirited people who could help with posting some of the items we put

like to thank everyone who was involved and listed in the attached PDF. To see the list click HERE.

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