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Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 February

In this issue: Freedom of Goring awards; Repair Café & Clothes exchange; Author talk - Chris Russell; February What's On; SODC Garden Waste changes; Pedestrian priority – and our latest update of new planning

applications.

January John Boler, Janet Hurst and Mike Ward, are pictured (L to R) with their awards for their eminent service to the village over the years at a ceremony and lunch organised

ceremony in Goring Village Hall on 23

Three residents were awarded the Freedom of Goring in a special

presented by Simon Carter, Deputy Lieutenant of Berkshire, watched by around 70 invited guests. the February issue of the Goring Gap News.

Reminder - New 'Clothes Exchange' on

by Goring-on-Thames Parish Council. The awards were Their three names will be added to the Freedom of Goring plaque situated in the porch of Goring Village Hall and a full report of their individual achievements and contributions to village life and the community will be reported in You can click <u>HERE</u> to see a larger version of the photo.

Saturday 1 February, 10am – 12.30pm, **Goring Village Hall** AT THE REPAIR CAFE In addition to the normal free repair service in the oring-on-Thames main hall, in the Garden Room there will be a Clothes

(swap) events at the same time as the Repair Café.

Exchange. This will the first of a series of exchange

Future events may be focussed on other items that can have a useful second life, eg toys, bikes & buggies and books etc. So, if you would like to refresh your wardrobe and have any 'nearly new' clothing (ladies', men's or children's and /or accessories) you no longer need, bring them along between 9.15 and 9.45am to donate and

10am and details of exactly how this new event will work, including a comprehensive section of Q & As, is in the new 'Exchange' section of the Repair Café website www.goringrepaircafe.info. Exchanging is a well-established and sustainable way of acquiring good quality pre-owned products. Like

total emissions world-wide.



CLOTHES & ACCESSORIES

If you don't have anything to be fixed or clothes or accessories to exchange at this time, you are still very welcome to pop in to have a look at what happens in the village hall every other month – and you can enjoy having a chat and a sit down with a coffee or tea and some wonderful homemade cake. **Reminder – An Evening with Chris**

and gas sector and responsible for 1.2 billion tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually, about 10% of the

for FOGL on Wednesday 5 February at the Village Chris Russell grew up in Goring and is now a published author, on the verge of completing his sixth book. Under

Amazon bestseller. The book, a creepy psychological thriller that sits somewhere between Gillian Flynn and Shirley Jackson, tells the story of a young woman who returns to her hometown after years away and meets a

friend.

Friends of Goring Library.

Sat 1 Feb

Wed 5 Feb

Sat 8 Feb

Wed 12 Feb

Wed 26 Feb

Thurs 27 Feb

Fri 28 Feb

Sat 1 March

Road

John Boler writes:

complete stranger claiming to be her childhood best

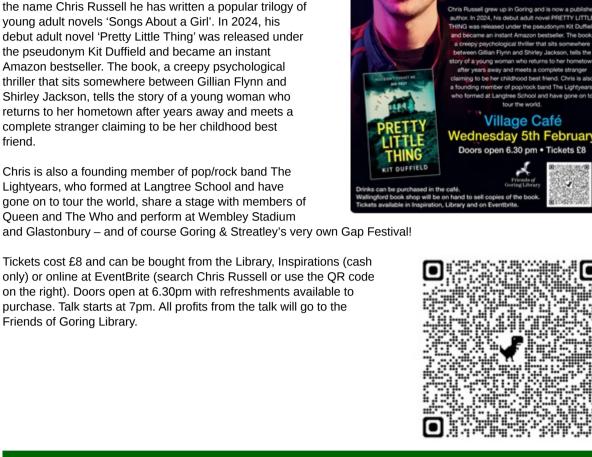
Russell (or is it Kit Duffield??)

Friends of Goring Library are delighted that Kit Duffield (or is it Chris Russell?) will be giving a talk

the name Chris Russell he has written a popular trilogy of young adult novels 'Songs About a Girl'. In 2024, his debut adult novel 'Pretty Little Thing' was released under the pseudonym Kit Duffield and became an instant

Chris is also a founding member of pop/rock band The Lightyears, who formed at Langtree School and have gone on to tour the world, share a stage with members of Queen and The Who and perform at Wembley Stadium and Glastonbury - and of course Goring & Streatley's very own Gap Festival! Tickets cost £8 and can be bought from the Library, Inspirations (cash

What's On – for the month of February 2025



Fri 14 Feb 7.30pm Goring Community Jazz Sat 15 Feb 7.45pm Slim Panetella and the Mellow Virginians

Mon 17 Feb 2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: Oxfordshire in canvas Thurs 20 Feb Pick a Flick: Their Finest

Genie News copy deadline

Goring Unplugged

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

12 noon *GGN* copy deadline

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7pm Gap Textile Group

Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free:

10am-12.30pm Repair Café in Goring Village Hall

12.30-2.30pm Art activities at the Hub (weekly) 6.30pm Author talk at the Village Café: Chris Russell 7.30pm Village Green Fingers: House Plants

7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI: Climate Evening

10am Coffee, Cake and Community in Goring Village Hall

7.30pm Soundbar Open Mic at The Miller of Mansfield

11am and 2pm Arts Society: The art of double portraiture

11am u3a: RAF Uxbridge Battle of Britain Bunker by Dilip Amin

Cross Road and Bellême Mews. When the work is complete pedestrians will have clear priority over all other road users. For this purpose, a "pedestrian" includes a person in a wheelchair or mobility scooter. The scheme is

Following a formal public consultation by the highway authority, Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) last spring,

New time-limited parking spaces will soon be created nearby, in Croft Road and Manor Road. Free parking will still be available on single yellow lines during the hours shown on adjacent road signs. Anyone may continue to

the existing two-hour parking spaces will be suspended to make way for the trial pedestrian lane.

SODC Garden Waste Scheme changes South Oxfordshire From 1 April 2025 the way you pay for your garden waste collection will change – you will no longer be able to pay by direct debit. SODC will be writing to you about these changes but in the meanwhile you may like to read the

7.30pm Reading Bach Choir in St Thomas'

well as pedestrians.' When resurfacing is finished, a one metre pedestrian priority lane, or "virtual footpath", will be marked along the north side of the road, between existing pavements at Red

a trial that will be made permanent if successful.

article on their website which can be found **HERE**.

Pedestrians to have priority in Station

Station Road in Goring will be closed for up to five days, beginning 24 March, for resurfacing and line painting. A road closure and traffic diversion order will be in force.

A spokesman for MIGGS, the mobility issues group, said. 'It appears the full width of the road will be reprofiled and resurfaced. This is good news for drivers and cyclists as

park free for one hour in the Wheel Orchard car park and users of the Community Centre will still have access to its private car park, but only while they are in the building. The OCC consultation followed two rounds of informal consultation, the first by MIGGS and the second by

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

Click below to see details of eight applications for Goring, three for Streatley, and none for South Stoke.

Detached garden room

25/00130/HOUSE **14 February 2025**

Reading RG8 9QL T009 - Ash: Repollard

Milford Lodge The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL

T019 - Goat Willow: Coppice to retainin a 500mm stump T031 - Mixed Species (Ash and Sycamore): Sever Ivy T032 - Hawthorn: Pollard to a final finished height of 3m

over the footpath by removing secondary branches only

Streatley C.E. Voluntary Controlled School The Coombe Streatley

T034 - Beech: Cutback from main building by 1m and raise low crown

permissioin 24/00662/FUL - Section 73a: Variation of Condition 1

(Approved Plans) of previously approved application 23/00917/FUL: Section 73a: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of previously approved application 21/02105/FULD: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling, ancillary garage outbuilding

Side and rear extension to existing garage; installation of additional

Variation of condition 2(approved plans) on P23/S0552/HH - convert

Goring-on-Thames parish council. MIGGS made a substantial contribution to the costs of the first and second consultations. Click these links to see the road closure order and diversion route. **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.

Current local

which to respond are at the top.

STREATLEY

Reference Number:

Consultation Deadline:

Location:

Proposal:

Location:

will remain until the consultation period has expired.

Planning Applications

Goring-on-Thames PC;

Streatley PC;

South Stoke PC



District Council

Listening Learning Leading



and associated landscaping works.

Determination deadline 24 March 2025

Little Barton Manor Road Goring RG8 9EH

14 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0AH

Target decision date 13 February 2025

Bourdillon Recreation & Playground RG8 0DU

Lime Croft Limetree Road Goring RG8 9EY

Proposal to extend the fenced-in children's playground area

Discharge of conditions 3(Drainage) & 4(Environmental Management) on P24/S1136/FUL - demolition of existing dwelling; construction of 3-

Add integrated solar PV panels to the north-east and south-west roof

projections whilst re-roofing. Lawful Development Certificate

bed dwelling with associated landscaping. Not subject to public

25/00152/COND

Heathercroft House Elvendon Road RG8 0DT Location: Conversion of existing garage loft to home office including external Proposal: stairs, rooflights and solar panels P25/S0104/HH Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** 7 February 2025

doors and windows.

P25/S0044/HH 7 February 2025

Reference Number: P24/S3823/FUL **Consultation Deadline: 17 February 2025** 6 Lockstile Mead Goring RG8 0AE Location: Construction of L-shaped single-pitch summer house – Lawful Proposal: Development Certificate. Reference Number: P24/S4068/LDP **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 27 February 2025

consultation.

P25/S0047/DIS

Reference Number: P25/S0106/LDP **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 10 March 2025

Target decision date 5 March 2025

Culvers Croft Road Goring RG8 9ES

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Proposal:

Reference Number:

Consultation Deadline:

SOUTH STOKE

None

GORING

Location:

Proposal:

Location:

Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

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Proposal: existing garage into living space, bay windows to front, side extension etc. Adjustment of windows to rear elevation Reference Number: P25/S0179/S73 **12 February 2025 Consultation Deadline:** Location: Cleeve Reach Goring RG8 0JY Discharge of condition 4 (Arboricultural Method Statement) on P23/S0519/HH - erection of new double garage, amenity room and Proposal: new fencing to tennis court). Not subject to public consultation.

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

Information on how to comment on a WBC application: https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations NB: Genie News will endeavour to make these alerts as comprehensive and accurate as possible, but

Village Matters reports on topical events and items of interest to local residents. It is published at the middle and end of each month. It includes planning applications for Goring, Streatley and South Stoke which are open for comment at the date of publication. Unless stated otherwise, the items will refer to Goring-on-Thames, Streatley, South Stoke and the surrounding villages.



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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