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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 May

In this issue: Polling Station change; VE presentation; Reminders; Author event; Rail timetable changes; Streatley litter pick; Digital phone info; Defibrillator at Community Centre; May What's On; Info for cyclists; Withymead event – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Change of Polling Station – Goring

Please note change of polling station for upcoming County Council election on 1 May (tomorrow)

Your polling station for this election is now:

Goring & District Community Centre The Old School Station Road RG8 9HB

For information about the electon see HERE (OCC) and HERE (BBC).

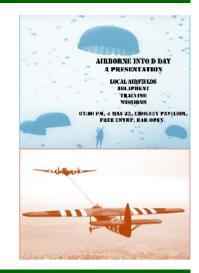
Cholsey VE Day Presentation

Sunday 4 May, at the Cholsey Pavilion Mark Lawson will give an illustrated talk entitled "Airborne into D-Day", starting at 7pm.

This will be part of Cholsey's VE Day commemoration at the Recreation Ground. Mark's talk will examine military involvement from airfields in our general area.

Admission is free and a bar will be available.





Some Reminders of Events

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ANNIVERSAR

MAY 2025



Bloom Plant Sale: Saturday 3 May, Rectory Garden, Goring 10am-12 noon

Special church services to commemorate VE Day 80 years ago on Thursday 8 May.



A short gathering at each war memorial with an act of Reflection, Thanksgiving and Prayer for Peace at:

- 12 noon at the War Memorial by St Thomas' Church, Goring
- 6.15pm at the War Memorial by St Mary's Church, Streatley • 6.15pm at the War Memorial by St Andrew's Church, South Stoke



Open Garden & Plant Sale: Sunday 11 May, 2-5 pm at Wallingford Lodge, Streatley in aid of Goring & Streatley Young Musicians Trust.

'Overland' by Yasmin Cordery Khan – author talk in Goring Library

Wednesday 7 May. Doors open 7pm, talk starts 7.30

Yasmin Cordery Khan is a British Historian and novelist and teaches at the University of Oxford. Set in the 1970s,' Overland' is a novel about youth, privilege, class and sharp echoes of British imperialism.

Tickets: £10 per person to include a drink, available in the library, at Inspiration and on Eventbrite (scan QR code, click for larger version).



OVERLAND asmin Cordery Khan

vas supposed to be the trip of a Inferime: the open road, London to Kathmandu, just three young people looking for adventure. No one could have predicted the way it ended, and for fifty years the truth has been buried. But now, Joyce is ready to tell her story.

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All train timetables will change on Sunday 18 May

The National Rail Timetable is changed twice a year, May and December. All train companies, including Great Western Railway, will start their new timetables on 18 May 2025.

You can view and download GWR's new timetables here at GWR.com/timetables.



For planning train journeys throughout the UK, even if you're not travelling with GWR, watch GWR's 'Planning Your Journey' video (1 min 16 secs).

For all other train companies' new timetables, click <u>HERE</u>.

For Live Departures and Arrivals of all trains in the UK network, click HERE.

The Great 2025 Litter Pick – Streatley

24 May 2025. 10am-12 noon

Spring is upon us and we want Streatley to sparkle for the summer. So come along and let's pick up those last bits of litter from along the road sides. (The bits nobody else will collect.)

Collect bags and picking equipment from The Morrell Rooms. Refreshments to follow (tea, coffee and biscuits).

The sun may even shine on us.

Digital Voice Drop-in Q&A at the Library

Tuesday 27 May 10am to 12:30pm in Goring Library

Astons Online (local IT support Charity) will be in Goring Library to answer your questions about the switch from traditional analogue landlines to Digital Voice. Free, impartial advice.

Defibrillator at the Community Centre

A defibrillator has been installed at the back of the Community Centre in Station Road. This is accessible from the car park and very close to the Arcade and High Street. It is on the outside of the building so available at all times.

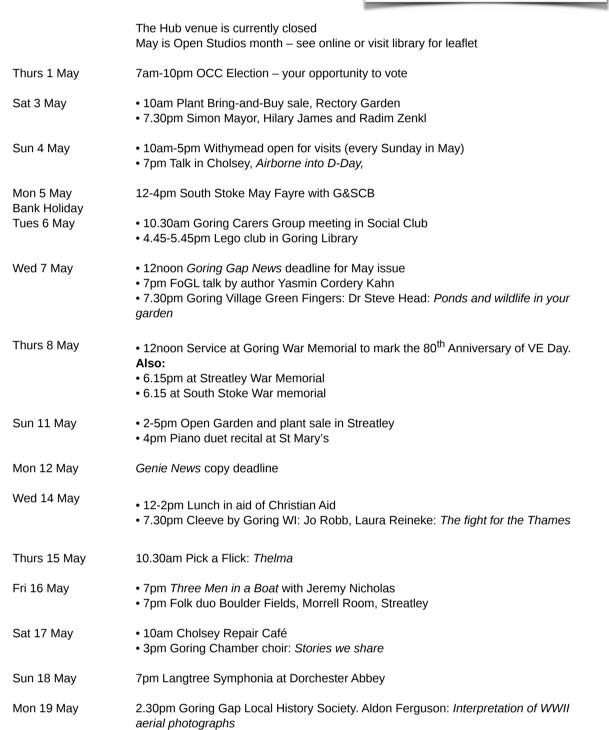
It has been donated by Goring-on-Thames Parish Council, who are sponsoring it.

See the article in Genie listing all the defibrillators in the local area and giving information about how to use them. This was in Issue 171, dated 30 November 2024 and can be found HERE.

What's On – for the month of May 2025

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:



Thurs 22 May Sat 24 Mav







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Sat 24 May	10am-12noon Streatley litter pick
Mon 26 May Bank Holiday	Genie News copy deadline

Sat 31 May

Goring Parish Assembly 4-7pm

6.30pm Streatley Parish Assembly in Morrell Room

More and better information for local cyclists

The Goring Gap Cycling website has had a major makeover. It contains advice and information for wouldbe and experienced cyclists, whether local or visiting the area.

It includes maps and downloadable directions for more than 60 cycle rides, ranging from 2 to over 60 miles, plus locations of more than 100 cafés, all within a day's ride.

Go to www.goringgapcycling.co.uk.

Withymead Nature Reserve, Goring celebrated the opening of Phase 1 of its new boardwalk on 25 April

Jenny Hedge writes:

The team at Withymead celebrated the completion of Phase 1 of the boardwalk replacement project with an opening ceremony at the end of April to coincide with their Loddon lily season.



Guests gathered in the Oak Grove and were welcomed by Jenny Hedge, Chair of the Anne Carpmael Trust CIO. They then heard from Ruth Staples-Rolfe, Project Manager for 'Mend the Gap' and Annette Weiss, Head of Engagement & Partnerships for the Chilterns National Landscape and who manages the 'Defra Access for All' project. These two organisations were the main project funders.

Guests then walked over to the main reserve for the formal ribbon cutting ceremony. Rebecca Joisce, a former Chair of ACT CIO, cut the ribbon and declared the boardwalk open. She had been involved with Withymead for 14 years before moving away.

Guests were invited to 'tread the boards' and follow the boardwalk to the kingfisher hide and viewing platform and then return to the Study Centre for refreshments.

The new boardwalk is made of recycled plastic (RCP) which has a lifetime of at least 40 years. It can accommodate wheelchairs and buggies and was installed by Kingfisher Decking Ltd, a family firm based in Windsor. It is a significant step forward in improving access for all at Withymead.

The morning was a great success and a very special day in the history of Withymead Nature Reserve and a huge thank you goes to Mend the Gap and Defra Access for all projects.

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 five applications for Goring, one for Streatley, and four for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** Pensylva The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QL Extend existing bungalow with part one and a half storey and part one storey. Renew approval 21/02952/HOUSE 25/00688/HOUSE 30 April 2025

SOUTH STOKE

Icknield Farm House Icknield Road Ipsden OX10 6AS Location: Discharge of conditions 3 (Construction Method Statement for protected species), 4 (Lighting - Ecology), 6 (Integrated Biodiversity Enhancements (prior to slab level) and 7 (Schedule of Materials) on Proposal: application P23/S3030/HH (Demolish existing single storey barn and replace with a new one and a half storey two bedroom ancillary annexe). **Reference Number:** P25/S0755/DIS **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 5 May 2025 * * * * Goode House The Street South Stoke Reading RG8 0JS Location: Discharge of conditions (Cycle Parking Facilities) 3 & 4 on planning Proposal: application P20/S3103/FUL Subdivision of residential unit into two flats. P25/S0764/DIS Reference Number: Target decision date 6 May 2025 **Consultation Deadline:** * * * * 1 Ash Cottages Wallingford Road Little Stoke OX10 6AY Location: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Works to Proposal: include introduction of a covered front porch. Reference Number: P25/S1189/HH 17 May 2025 **Consultation Deadline:** * * * * Icknield Farm House Icknield Road near South Stoke OX10 6AS Location: Discharge of condition 4 (Lighting - Ecology) on planning application P23/S3030/HH (Demolish existing single storey barn and replace with Proposal: a new one and a half storey two bedroom ancillary annexe). Reference Number: P25/S1191/DIS **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date: 3 June 2025 GORING Location: 12 Summerfield Rise Goring RG8 0DS Replace existing rear conservatory with new kitchen extension. Roof extension & height convert loft space for 2 additional bedrooms, with Proposal: dormer addition to front & rear elevations & balcony to rear. Extension to porch area. 20 solar panels to side & rear elevations and roof lights to elevations. Reference Number: P25/S1009/HH **Consultation Deadline:** 2 May 2025 Location: Bloomsbury Lodge Little Croft Road RG8 9ER Discharge of conditions 2 (Drainage) & 3 (Lighting) on P24/S3201/HH Proposal: - erection of a single storey outbuilding. Retrospective not subject to public consultation. Reference Number: P25/S0837/DIS **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 12 May 2025 * * * * 17 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA Location: Proposal: Single storey rear infill extension. Certificate of Lawful Development Reference Number: P25/S0937/LDP **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 23 May 2025 * * * * Location: Aston Clinton 14 Gatehampton Road RG8 0EP Formation of habitable rooms in roofspace with rooflights and rear Proposal: gable window. Certificate of Lawful Development Reference Number: P25/S1099/LDP **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date 30 May 2025 * * * * Location: Lime Croft Limetree Road Goring RG8 9EY Discharge of conditions 3 (Surface water drainage works), 5 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme), 6 (Schedule of Materials) and 7 Proposal: (Landscaping Scheme) on application P24/S1136/FUL (Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of 3-bed dwelling with associated landscaping). Reference Number: P25/S1262/DIS Target decision date 12 June 2025 **Consultation Deadline:**

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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