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Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

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

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 May

In this issue: Timetable change reminder; Road closure; Streatley Parish Assembly; A34 closure; Councillor report; River water quality testing; Police & Crime volunteering opportunities - and our latest update of new planning applications.

Reminder – Rail Timetables will change this Sunday, 18 May

All train companies, including Great Western Railway, will start their new timetables on 18 May 2025.

See the article in the 30 April edition of Genie at: https://mailchi.mp/8de363a9d20e/genie-village-mattersnewsletter-no-181?e=3c3c92f62a.

Road Closure – Streatley Hill B4009

27 May 9.30am to 3.30pm. The closure will be from junction with the Coombe to property known as Highwood.

- · Residential and blue light access will be maintained if possible.
- Contractor: Centurian Traffic Management, 01132 775360.

Click this link to the diversion route: <u>https://one.network/?tm=GB141035185</u>.

This closure is to enable tree pruning around the SSE network

Streatley Parish Assembly Thursday – 22 May

Morrell Room, Streatley at 6.30pm

The Parish Assembly is an opportunity for parishioners to meet local groups, and discuss everything they do around the village. Food and drink is provided, free of charge.

Reminder: Village Litter Pick Saturday 24 May at 9:30am. Equipment available in the Morrell Room.

Closure of A34 northbound for resurfacing

Planned closures of the A34 northbound carriageway between Chieveley and Chilton

National Highways need to resurface sections of the A34 northbound between Beedon and West Ilsley in Berkshire.

This will be done while closing the A34 northbound from the A34/M4 J13 Chieveley Interchange in West Berkshire to the A4185 Chilton Junction, near Didcot, Oxfordshire.

Weekend closures are needed because of the depth of resurfacing needed in some sections.

Overnight closures

9pm to 6am - Friday 16 May 9pm to 6am - Saturday 17 May 9pm to 6am – Sunday 18 May

Weekend closures

9pm Friday 27 June - 6am Monday 30 June 9pm Friday 4 July – 6am Monday 7 July

More information is available here: https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-east/a34-northbound-





eminders

of forthcoming events

reported in previous articles

County Councillor Parish Report May 2025

This is the first report from Maggie Filipova-Rivers since she was elected as an Oxfordshire County Councillor. The items covered are:

Budget Recycling Resurfacing Plans 25/26 Gulley Cleaning Schedule for 25/26 Plans for Improving Bus Travel Local Nature Recovery Strategy Devolution and Government Reorganisation School Places The Oxfordshire all-age autism strategy 2025 – 2030 Oxfordshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) Grants and Cost of Living

The full report can be found HERE.

River Water Quality Monitoring started in the Goring Gap yesterday

A new citizen science programme of monitoring the pollution in the Thames began yesterday (15 May) at seven locations between South Stoke and Pangbourne. The purpose of the study is to measure the level of bacterial pollution in the river at various locations, especially downstream of the local Sewage Treatment Works (STW), particularly Goring, Streatley, Lower Basildon and Pangbourne STWs.

In the Goring Gap, samples are being taken with a 2m

telescopic pole, as seen in the image, in South Stoke (this is a 'Control site' measuring bacteria levels upstream of our local STWs) and at the Leatherne Bottel, Ferry Lane and Beale Park. These 4 sites are being managed by GGEO volunteers and the remaining sites further downstream are the responsibility of another group based in Pangbourne. This study is specifically measuring Escherichia (E. Coli) and another bacteria called Intestinal Enterococci (IE), both of which can be harmful to human health.

This is largely a repeat of the 2024 study carried out during the 20 weeks between mid-May and September and you can see a summary of those results and the reason for this work on GGEO's website by clicking here: https://ggeo.online/project/water-quality-monitoring-project/.

For more information about this study please contact: ronbridle@btinternet.com

Volunteering opportunities within the Office of the Police & Crime **Commissioner for Thames Valley**

They write:

Independent Scrutiny & Oversight Board (ISOB) volunteers needed

We are currently recruiting for a number of volunteering roles within the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley. Thames Valley Police have committed to the development and deployment of the Race Action Plan across all areas of the force. The Action Plan aims to tackle racism and racial disparity in every area of policing.

The ISOB exists to provide overview and external scrutiny, to provide assurance of the Police's Plan of Action and its Outputs. The expected time commitment is a maximum of 2 days per month split across a range of activities

Complaints and Standards Committee Panel Members

The Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police and the PCC for Thames Valley are seeking motivated volunteers who will support the integrity of local policing in the Thames Valley. The Complaints and Standards Committee, (jointly established by the Chief Constable and PCC) will regularly conduct thorough reviews of the complainthanding and review processes within the force and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This includes identifying any discrepancies between the force and OPCC's perception of proper procedures and the actual experiences of the end user.

The successful applicants will be motivated by public service and a desire to bring about genuine, positive change and possess an empathetic and respectful communication approach to understanding the context, culture and history reflected in both individual and community perspectives.

For further details including how to apply, please visit our website or get in touch by completing our online contact form.











Planning Applications

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, one for Streatley, and three for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:** 3 Stable Cottages Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JX Alterations and extension to No.3 Stables Cottages 25/01030/HOUSE 30 May 2025

SOUTH STOKE

Location:

Proposal:

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Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

1 Ash Cottages Wallingford Road Little Stoke OX10 6AY Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Works to include introduction of a covered front porch. P25/S1189/HH 17 May 2025

Kays Barn Pond House The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS

Demolition of existing annexe (Kays Barn) and part of existing outbuilding. Erection of replacement two-storey and single storey extension to existing outbuilding to provide annexe accommodation and ancillary accommodation, and two detached sheds. P25/S1238/HH

29 May 2025

Icknield Farm House Icknield Road near South Stoke OX10 6AS Discharge of condition 4 (Lighting - Ecology) on planning application P23/S3030/HH (Demolish existing single storey barn and replace with a new one and a half storey two bedroom ancillary annexe). P25/S1191/DIS Target Decision Date: 3 June 2025

GORING

Location:

Proposal:

Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

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

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Cedar Wood House Elvendon Road RG8 0LP

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on P24/S2479/HH - detached oak frame 3 bay garage /carport. Modification to design P25/S1317/S73 20 May 2025

Upper Gatehampton House Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 9LT Single storey rear extension, side covered porch and rear canopy. P25/S1370/HH 22 May 2025

17 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BA Single storey rear infill extension. Certificate of Lawful Development P25/S0937/LDP Target decision date 23 May 2025

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	26 Gatehampton Road Goring RG8 0EP Modified main entrance and rear dormer <u>P25/S1354/HH</u> 23 May 2025
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Location:	Lime Croft Limetree Road Goring RG8 9EY
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 3 (drainage), 5 (Biodiversity), 6 (Materials) and 7 (Landscaping) on P24/S1136/FUL - demolition of existing dwelling, construction of 3-bed dwelling. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	P25/S1262/DIS Target decision date 12 June 2025
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Location:	The Mill Cottage Lock Approach RG8 9AD
Proposal:	Continued use of the pool house as ancillary to main dwelling in addition to flexibility of use for holiday lets (part retrospective)
Reference Number: Consultation Deadline:	P25/S1433/FUL 19 June 2025
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* * * * Location:	The Old Bungalow Access Road To Mount Pleasant Farm Goring Heath Reading RG8 7TB Discharge of conditions 1 (Commencement 3 yrs), 2 (Approved plans),
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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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