

Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter

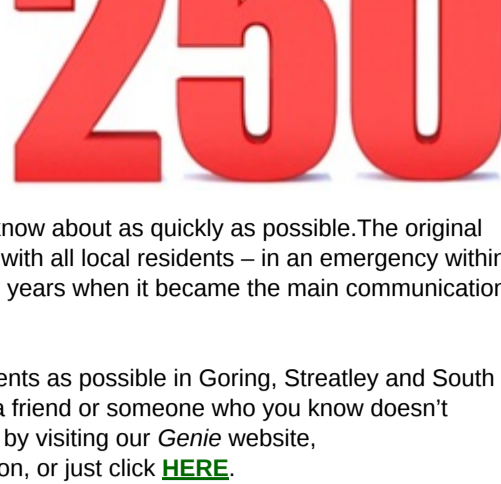
Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.

Submission date for articles for the next issue is 12 July.

In this issue: Genie's 250th edition; July What's On; Goring in Bloom count down; George Michael charity events; Morrell Room availability; Race to the Stones – and our latest update of new planning applications.

This is the 250th edition of our two Genie newsletters!

Edition No 1 of *Village Matters* was mailed out on 22 June 2017 and, 8 years later, we're still going strong and here is edition No 185. We have also published 65 editions of our red-topped series of Public Information bulletins, making 250 in all.



The PI bulletins are sent out only when there is an important or emergency issue which we feel the public should know about as quickly as possible. The original purpose of this digital service was to enable immediate contact with all local residents – in an emergency within an hour, if necessary. This happened regularly during the Covid years when it became the main communication vehicle for the three villages.

If you value these *Genie* bulletins, we would like as many residents as possible in Goring, Streatley and South Stoke to be sent them, so please forward this newsletter to a friend or someone you know doesn't subscribe yet. In fact, anyone can subscribe to this free service by visiting our *Genie* website, <https://www.genienews.org>, and clicking on the 'Subscribe' button, or just click [HERE](#).

You can view all the past editions of both newsletters in the [archives here](#) by clicking on the green or red buttons.

Don't forget *Genie* provides both news (which comes to you via these newsletters) and also 'community information' but you have to visit our website to view this. See, for instance, the 8 pages of 'Local Information', which you can access at any time. They have been written by the team to provide a wide range of useful facts and information especially for new residents and businesses, but also for our many visitors. This information doesn't exist anywhere else. However, these particular pages constantly need updating so if you would like to help in this role, or others, please contact us to have a chat about it, by either emailing contact@genienews.org, or calling 07789 871620. Thank you.

What's On – for the month of July 2025
Below is a selection of some of the upcoming events on the [Genie Calendar](#)

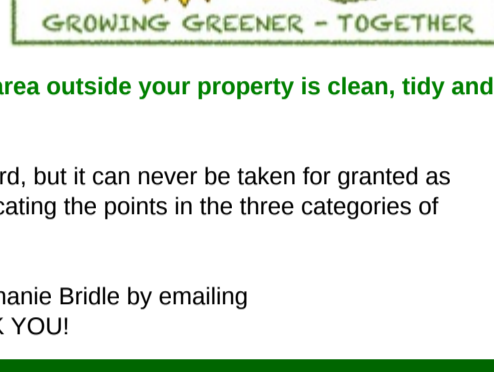


Please go there for details and more events, or to add your own event for free:

Wed 2 July	7.30pm Village Green Fingers: <i>Gardening with the disabled</i>
Sat 5 July	Summer Reading Challenge starts at the Library
Sun 6 July	• 10am-5pm Withymead open for visits (every Sunday in July, cream teas on the 27th) • 6pm Mac Adams plays in St Thomas'
Wed 9 July	• Noon: <i>Goring Gap News</i> copy deadline • 7pm Gap Textile Group • 7.30pm Goring WI: <i>First aid matters: learning to save a life in an evening</i> • 7.30pm <i>I Fed My Dad to a Pelican</i>
Sat 12 July	<i>Genie News</i> copy deadline
Sun 13 July	• 4pm GSCB Starter Band summer concert in Goring Village Hall • 7pm Organ recital by Brian Almond in St Thomas'
Thur 17 July	10.30am Pick a Flick: <i>Local Hero</i>
Fri 18 July	10am Teddy Bears Picnic, 0-4years, Rectory Gardens
Sat 19 July	• 9am Artisan market in Goring Village Hall • 10am Cholsey Repair Café
Sun 20 July	4pm Piano, Poetry and Peace at St Mary's
Fri 25 July	7pm Mikron Theatre at Goring lock: <i>Hush Hush</i>
Sat 26 July	• 7pm Mikron Theatre at Goring lock: <i>Operation Beach Hut</i> • <i>Genie News</i> copy deadline
Sat 2 August	Goring Repair Café

The RHS judges are visiting Goring-on-Thames on Monday 7 July

During this week, running up to when the two judges from the Royal Horticultural Society will be inspecting the village centre, there is still a lot to do. Bloom volunteers have been, and will continue to be, busy cleaning and weeding the railway station, the main car park and the village centre streets to make the village look as good as it can be for the benefit of everyone who lives in or visits the village. However, we need as much help as possible so please check that the area outside your property is clean, tidy and weed free.

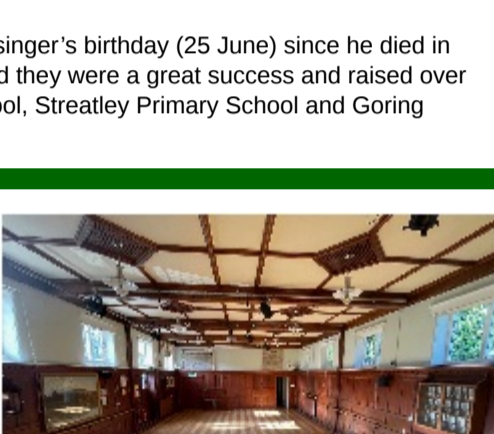


2025 will hopefully see the community achieve another Gold Award, but it can never be taken for granted as each set of different judges have to follow strict criteria when allocating the points in the three categories of Horticulture, Environment and Community.

If you would like to help, please contact the Chair of Bloom, Stephanie Bridle by emailing stephaniebridle@btinternet.com or calling 07778 739430. THANK YOU!

Goring and Streatley organisations to benefit from June charity events in memory of George Michael

500 fans, many from overseas and local residents alike, celebrated on 20 and 22 June in the grounds of George Michael's former home in Goring, by courtesy of the owners.

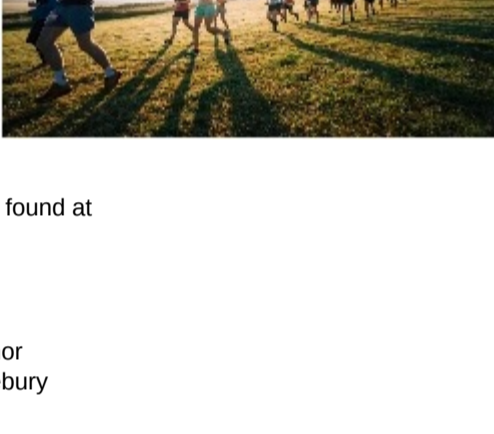


The larger event on Sunday 22 June sold all the available 350 tickets and featured the popular road show now touring the UK 'Celebrating George Michael', featuring Steve Mitchell as George Michael and Dave West, the original bass player for Wham!, as seen in the photograph.

The events formed the ninth annual tribute on or around the late singer's birthday (25 June) since he died in Goring on 25 December 2016. The organisers, 'Outside25', stated they were a great success and raised over £25,000 in support of Childline, Samaritans, Goring Primary School, Streatley Primary School and Goring Library.

Morrell Room availability

The beautiful Streatley Village Hall – The Morrell Room – wishes to let Genie readers know that it now has some availability on weekdays. This might be of interest to anyone looking to run a regular group or class in the Goring Gap.



Currently there are no regular bookings on Tuesdays between 11am and 3.30pm, Thursdays between 11.30am and 7.30pm, and Fridays all day.

The hall is also sometimes available on Friday evenings and at the weekend; ideal for children's parties, family gatherings and other one-off events.

To find out more, visit the Morrell Room website: <https://www.morrellroom.org> or contact the caretaker on info@morrellroom.org or 01491 873855.

Race to the Stones – 12-13 July 2025

The route will come through Goring and Streatley – from Cleeve Road, Goring, along both High Streets and going on to Rectory Road, Streatley to join the Ridgeway.



The event is a 100km ultra marathon route along the Ridgeway starting in Lewknor and finishing at Rutland Farm, Avebury. 2,500 participants are expected to take part in the event, raising money for a collection of charities.

The event website with further key information and details can be found at www.thresholdtrailseries.com/events/race-to-the-stones/

Event Dates/Timings:

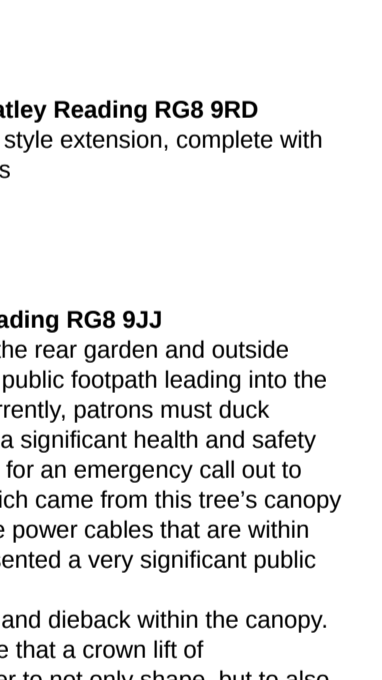
- Start: Saturday 12 July 2025 – 06:30 – Field Farm, Lewknor
- Finish: Sunday 13 July 2025 – 21:30 – Rutland Farm, Avebury

The Route:

- Distance: 100km ultra marathon along the Ridgeway
- Trail: The majority of the path follows the Ridgeway, however in some sections it veers off onto other public footpaths or roads
- Signage: The route team will be erecting small red/white arrows and warning signs along the route from Thursday 10 July in order for the participants to navigate. These will be removed by the back-marker route team as soon as the last walker is through – therefore all signage will be removed by the evening of Sunday 13 July.

Local Parish Councils

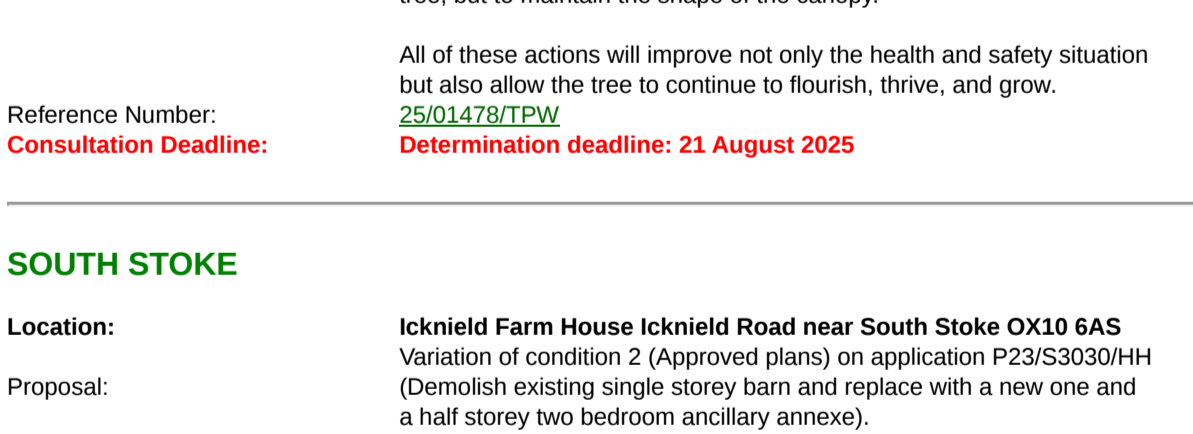
Click on the link below for your parish council's website for up-to-date details of planning and other meetings, agendas, minutes and further useful general information.



[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, four for Streatley, and two for South Stoke.

STREATLEY

Location: Churn Lodge Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LA
Proposal: Proposed new dwelling including new landscaping and parking
Reference Number: [25/01218/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **11 July 2025**

Location: **Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT**
Proposal: Approval of details reserved by Condition (7) Habitat Management of planning permission 24/01944/FULMAJ: (A) Change of use of South Barn, North Barn and Middle Barn and associated land to a mixed use (Sui Generis) of (1) residential ancillary/incidental to the use of Streatley Farmhouse, (2) use for the provision of occasional events, and (3) storage within Middle Barn (used for purposes ancillary to the mixed use and/or open B8 use). (B) Internal and external alterations to South Barn. (C) Erection of replacement car port. (D) Internal and external alteration of Tractor Shed to provide secure ancillary residential storage for Streatley Farmhouse. (E) Change of use and external alterations of West Barn to provide 3 no. short-term lets (Use Class C3). (F) Change of use and internal and external alterations to Regatta Barn to provide a gym for both private and commercial use (Sui Generis). (G) Extension of residential curtilage to form a new vehicular driveway to Streatley Farmhouse. Erection of two greenhouses, replacement sheep barn, landscaping, car parking and associated works. (H) Retention of Streatley Farmhouse as a single residential dwelling (Use Class C3).

Reference Number: [25/01398/COND](#)
Consultation Deadline: **15 July 2025**

Location: **Betteridge House Streatley Hill Streatley Reading RG8 9RD**
Proposal: Construction of single storey Orangery style extension, complete with alteration and renovation of the interiors
Reference Number: [25/01352/HOUSE](#)
Consultation Deadline: **16 July 2025**

Location: **The Bull Reading Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JJ**
Proposal: T1 - Yew: This large tree is situated in the rear garden and outside seating area within the pub grounds. A public footpath leading into the pub goes directly past the tree, and currently, patrons must duck underneath its lower branches, posing a significant health and safety issue. RSL recently had to visit the site for an emergency call out to remove a detached, broken branch which came from this tree's canopy as it was caught up and hanging on the power cables that are within close proximity to the canopy as it presented a very significant public safety hazard. There is approximately 30% of this time and dieback within the canopy. We are therefore proposing, at this time that a crown lift of approximately 3m is carried out, in order to not only shape, but to also provide a safe clearance gap above pedestrian head height around entire lower crown. We also recommend removing the small amount of deadwood from the dieback areas within the canopy, to prevent deadwood falling out of the tree, but to maintain the shape of the canopy. All of these actions will improve not only the health and safety situation but also allow the tree to continue to flourish, thrive, and grow.

Reference Number: [25/01478/TPW](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Determination deadline: 21 August 2025**

SOUTH STOKE

Location: **Icknield Farm House Icknield Road near South Stoke RG8 6AS**
Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) on 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/S1532/S73](#)
Consultation Deadline: **9 July 2025**

Location: **Sycamores South Stoke Reading RG8 0JJ**
Proposal: Discharge of conditions 4 (Obscure glazing), 5 (Bedroom 3 window details), 6 (Landscaping), 7 (Construction Method Enhancements), 8 (External lighting), 9 (Integrated Biodiversity Enhancements), 23 (Surface Water Drainage) & 16 (Cycle Parking Facilities) on planning application P25/S0405/FUL. (Erection of single self-build two-storey dwelling and detached garage, with new vehicular access and boundary wall on amenity space for existing property).
Reference Number: [P25/S1817/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date: 1 August 2025**

Location: **Stow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL**
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 9 (Energy Efficiency Measures) on P22/S0788/FUL - erection of two 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings, one 4-bedroom dwelling and one 5-bedroom detached dwelling. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: [P25/S1850/DIS](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 5 August 2025**

Location: **Site adjacent to 14 Milldown Avenue RG8 0AS**
Proposal: Single detached dwelling including access to Milldown Avenue and associated works.
Reference Number: [P25/S1505/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **4 July 2025**

Location: **19 Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0DP**
Proposal: 4 bedroom detached house.
Reference Number: [P25/S1628/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **4 July 2025**

Location: **Little Barton Manor Road Goring RG8 9EH**
Proposal: Convert existing garage and its approved extensions (P25/S0044/HH) into a new dwelling.
Reference Number: [P25/S1497/FUL](#)
Consultation Deadline: **11 July 2025**

Location: **19 Springhill Road Goring RG8 0BY**
Proposal: Replacement of conservatory roof for a tiled roof to match existing. Lawful Development Certificate.
Reference Number: [P25/S1686/LDP](#)
Consultation Deadline: **Target decision date 22 July 2025**

Location: **Stow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL**
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 9 (Energy Efficiency Measures) on P22/S0788/FUL - erection of two 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings, one 4-bedroom dwelling and one 5-bedroom detached dwelling. Not subject to public consultation.
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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-planning-application>

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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