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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 July.

In this issue: Hosepipe ban; Mikron Theatre; Summer reading challenge; Himalayan Balsam removal;

Wallingford Museum news; Goring Repair Café – and our latest update of new planning applications.

Hosepipe ban starts next Tuesday 22 July in Oxfordshire and Berkshire

Thames Water's ban area includes Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Swindon all postcodes starting with OX, RG8, RG9, RG4, GL &

To find out details of the ban and which exemptions may apply to your particular situation, there is an extensive FAQ section on the **Thames Water website** covering around 50 questions in various categories, including businesses, health issues and irrigation systems etc.

Two amazing riverside shows by the Mikron travelling theatre at Goring Lock are Friday 25 & Saturday 26 July, 7- 9pm



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Hush Hush world of secrets, cyphers and songs and the heroes of Hut 3. For details of both shows click **HERE**.

Bring your chairs and refreshments down to Goring **Lock** to see the famous troupe's musical adventure to the Great British Seaside in *Operation Beach Hut* and their

The Challenge invites you to read up to six books over the summer – and earn stickers along the way. If you finish there

The theme this year is all about adventure and the great outdoors. It's called the Story Garden, and it's all about

is a chance to win a goodies bag and, of course, a medal and

The Summer Reading Challenge in the Library has started!

a certificate.



20th July - 15th August otprint trail Craft Make a poo emoji bookmark © 16th August - 6th September Trait British Wildlife Trail Craft Butterfly Scratchy

Storytime Summer Reading Challe

Find out about Adventure Lab app (a form of Geocaching) – Family Event

Wednesday 23rd July 10 - 11am **Mini Beast Yoga with Emmal

Wednesday 6th August 10 Lego Workshop

Create a Mini-Garden in a seed tray

Thursday 14th August Storytime Summer Reading Challenge + Craft

*Wednesday 20th August 10.30am - 12.00 or 1.00pm - 2.30pm Gelli Plate Card Printing with local artist Jane Dipple

"BILLY & BOBBY, THE LAZY GARDENERS"

exploring, imagining, and enjoying nature. When you sign up, you'll get a special folder to keep track of your reading and stickers.

in advance. The list can be found by clicking **HERE** or you can

The junior area now has more space and comfy seating, plus a greater choice of story books and non-fiction books. So bring a grown-up, visit the library, and get reading this summer. Don't miss out!

Would you like a little light exercise - to help control Britain's most invasive, non-native plant in the Goring & Streatley area? Several small teams of our volunteers meet on Sunday mornings (10.30am) at this time of the year to pull up

would like to help this coming Sunday morning (20 July) and we'll give you the details. For further information on this plant, click on our section on this subject on our website: ggeo.online. If you would like to help, or just try it once, please email ronbridle@btintenet.com or call 07789 871620. Thank you.

22 July until the end of August: Special exhibition to mark VJ Day (Victory in Japan), the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, on 15 August. Artist Will Wilder from Crowmarsh was captured at

Exhibits also include the story of another local man, whose war was very different, but also ended in the Far East, assisting the return of the re-patriated soldiers. September 12-14: Agatha Christie's Mystery Weekend in Wallingford and Cholsey. Agatha Christie made Winterbrook House her home from 1934 till her death in 1976. You can find out lots more from exhibitions in Wallingford Museum and keep this year's celebratory weekend free from September 12-13. Walks: These run every Saturday until late September - departing 11am from under the Town Hall. Cost £5pp (please bring cash). No need to book! About 1.5 hrs.

For more details click <u>HERE</u> or see <u>www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk</u>.



INGFORD MUSEU

PON'T BIN IT - BRING IT GORING

Two free local sustainability events running at the same time to help reduce waste and carbon emissions!

Exchange event this time - 'Books' (Bellême Room) Exchanging gives you the chance to read about something new and helps save natural resources and carbon emissions that the over-production of books creates. Full details about how this exchange service works and the basic rules etc, please visit the website below and click on Exchange and then select Books for a comprehensive list of FAQs. To donate books for exchange, please arrive before opening time, between 9.15 and 9.45am, so they can be registered and displayed before the 10am opening time. If you haven't been to our Repair Café before, there are a video, photographs and more information about what happens there, along with FAQs on our website: goringrepaircafe.info. This project is run by the local registered charity, Goring Gap Environmental Organisation (GGEO) and we welcome any voluntary donations to cover the cost of the hall hire and other expenses. If you don't have anything

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL **South Stoke PC** southstokeparish council

This twice monthly 'Planning Alert' lists all the current planning applications submitted to SODC (South Oxfordshire District Council) and WBC (West

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 seven applications for Goring, four for Streatley, and three for South Stoke.

alteration and renovation of the interiors

Betteridge House Streatley Hill Streatley Reading RG8 9RD Construction of single storey Orangery style extension, complete with

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

There is approximately 30% of decline and dieback within the canopy.

approximately 3m is carried out, in order to not only shape, but to also provide a safe clearance gap above pedestrian head height around

We also recommend removing the small amount of deadwood from the dieback areas within the canopy, to prevent deadwood falling out of the

All of these actions will improve not only the health and safety situation

Discharge of condition(s) 5 (Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement) and 7 (Cycle Parking) on planning application P23/S3822/FUL (Replacement of existing grain storage building to provide

accommodation for artists and creatives visiting Littlestoke Manor farm.

Provision of bin and bike storage, amenity space, parking and

Discharge of condition(s) 6 (Landscaping Scheme) on planning application ref P23/S3822/FUL Replacement of existing grain storage building to provide accommodation for artists and creatives visiting

Littlestoke Manor farm. Provision of bin and bike storage, amenity

but also allow the tree to continue to flourish, thrive, and grow.

We are therefore proposing, at this time that a crown lift of

tree, but to maintain the shape of the canopy.

Townsend Farm Bungalow Wallingford Road Streatley Reading Location: **RG8 9JX** Alterations and extensions to Townsend Farm Bungalow Proposal: Reference Number: 25/01452/HOUSE **Consultation Deadline:** 1 August 2025 The Bull Reading Road Streatley Reading RG8 9JJ Location: 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

(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: **Consultation Deadline:** Target decision date: 1 August 2025

Middle Barn Little Stoke OX10 6AZ

Target decision date: 13 August 2025

Middle Barn Little Stoke OX10 6AZ

space, parking and landscaping.

Target decision date: 1 September 2025

11 Cleeve Park Cottages Icknield Rd RG8 0DJ

Erection of a single storey rear garden room

14 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0AH

Stow House Thames Road Goring RG8 9AL

Discharge of Condition 9 (Energy Efficiency Measures) on

Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) on P22/S0003/RM (Appearance, Layout etc) - erection of 20 dwellings: provision of

reconfiguration of parking spaces; widening of driveways. Not subject

rooflights etc; bedroom in roof; repositioning of garages;

P22/S0788/FUL - erection of two 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings,

one 4-bedroom dwelling and one 5-bedroom detached dwelling. Not

Erection of a double garage

subject to public consultation.

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

P25/S1850/DIS Reference Number: Target decision date 5 August 2025 Land to east of Manor Road Goring RG8 9EJ Discharge of condition 20 (Energy Efficiency) on P23/S3520/S73.

> 45 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HL Garage conversion. Lawful Development Certificate. P25/S1050/LDP Target decision date 3 September 2025

see it, together with information about other activities, on the FOGL website at www.fogl-oxon.co.uk

easy and satisfying knowing you are helping to control our most invasive, non-native plant. During the last 2 Sunday mornings we have pulled around 6,000 plants just on both parts the island under Goring Bridge, but we're working against the clock! This plant thrives near water and has to be removed before it seeds and

drawings that he had concealed from the guards by rolling them up in the hollow bamboo poles used in the structure of the prison camp huts.



homemade cake! **Local Parish Councils**

Current local

Churn Lodge Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LA Location: Proposal: Proposed new dwelling including new landscaping and parking Reference Number: 25/01218/FUL 31 July 2025 **Consultation Deadline:**

Determination deadline: 21 August 2025 Consultation Deadline: SOUTH STOKE Location: Sycamores South Stoke Reading RG8 0JJ Discharge of conditions 4 (Obscure glazing), 5 (Bedroom 3 window details), 6 (Landscaping), 7 (Construction Method Statement), 8

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Consultation Deadline: Location:

The library is hosting lots of fun activities over the summer for children aged 5-12, including arts and crafts workshops. Some are drop-in events, while others will need to be booked

Himalayan Balsam (Impatiens Glandulifera). It's very

spreads. So, please let us know if, and where, you have seen any in the Goring and Streatley area - and if you

Wallingford Museum News

Singapore in 1942 and forced to work on building the Thai-Burma railway until VJ day 1945. The exhibition tells his amazing story, illustrated by numerous original

Repair Café (Main Hall): As our regular customers know, we try to fix more of less anything of a reasonable size you can carry in - and we have a good success rate of about 70% of getting your products fully working again, or at least partially working, depending if a spare part is needed. It's a very popular event so please come early as certain repairs can take some time. (We usually don't accept items after midday). As ever, all residents and visitors are welcome to bring in up to two items for repair. For people who have never been, why not come along and see how it works - it's a service provided by up to 15 skilled repair volunteers along with up to 10 other support volunteers.

and further useful general information.

will remain until the consultation period has expired.

STREATLEY

Reference Number:

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GORING

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Goring-on-Thames PC;

Streatley PC;



MEETINGS & MINUTES

Streatley



25/01352/HOUSE

16 July 2025

safety hazard.

entire lower crown.

25/01478/TPW

Proposal:

landscaping).

P25/S1907/DIS

P25/S2076/DIS

P25/S1962/HH 30 July 2025

P25/S1768/HH

31 July 2025

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your contact list.

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P25/S1937/N5D Target decision date 26 August 2025

Location: Proposal: Reference Number: **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 WBC application: https://info.westberks.gov.uk/representations NB: Genie News will endeavour to make these alerts as comprehensive and accurate as possible, but

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to public consultation. P25/S1968/DIS Target decision date 20 August 2025 12B High Street Goring RG8 9AR Change of use from Commercial to Residential. No external changes -Proposal: internal improvements to staircase, layout etc Reference Number: **Consultation Deadline:**

Information on how to comment on a SODC application: http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/find-application/comment-planning-and-building-and-<u>application</u>

To visit WBC's planning website:

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