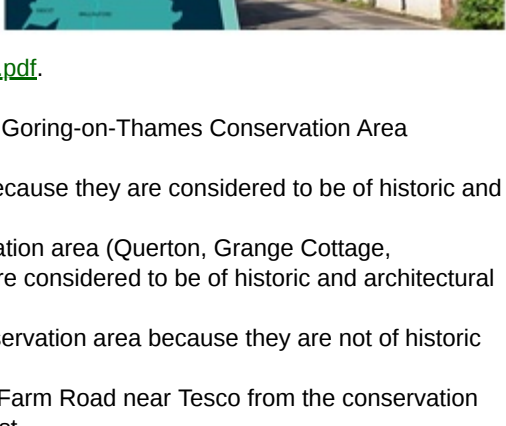


**Welcome to Genie's latest 'Village Matters' newsletter**  
*Please forward this email to anyone you feel may also like to receive these newsletters. Thank you.*

**Submission date for articles for the next issue is 26 September**

**In this issue:** Goring Conservation Area appraisal; Streatley Parish Plan revision; Extra planning; Live Aid for Goring Library; Author talk with live music; Concert of N American music; Goring weedkilling; Cholsey's past – and our latest update of current planning applications.

**Goring-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal**



SODC are carrying out a review of the conservation area in Goring-on-Thames. As part of the review process, SODC are now inviting comments on the Goring-on-Thames Conservation Area Appraisal document.

[https://theconversation.southoxon.gov.uk/planning/goring-conservation-area-appraisal/user\\_uploads/goring-on-thames-ca-compressed-1.pdf](https://theconversation.southoxon.gov.uk/planning/goring-conservation-area-appraisal/user_uploads/goring-on-thames-ca-compressed-1.pdf).

The document details a number of proposed changes to the Goring-on-Thames Conservation Area boundary as follows:

- Addition of Railway Cottages to the conservation area because they are considered to be of historic and architectural interest.
- Addition of six properties on Manor Road to the conservation area (Querton, Grange Cottage, Rivermead, Beckett, St Mary's and Bwys) because they are considered to be of historic and architectural interest.
- Removal of modern houses on Elmhurst Walk from conservation area because they are not of historic and architectural interest.
- Removal of modern developments at Sloane Close and Farm Road near Tesco from the conservation area because they are not of historic and architectural interest.
- Corrections to the western boundary so that it follows the current Oxfordshire administrative boundary.

This will result in the inclusion of the G11 listed Streatley paddle and rymer weir within the Oxfordshire administrative area and the exclusion of parts of the Swan Hotel at Streatley and other domestic gardens which are within the administration of Berkshire.

More details on these proposed changes can be found in Section 8 of the appraisal document. A hard copy of this document can be consulted in Goring Library.

SODC are inviting your comments on the proposed changes during a four-week consultation period which runs from Wednesday 10 September until **11.59pm on Wednesday 8 October 2025**.

See <https://theconversation.southoxon.gov.uk/planning/goring-conservation-area-appraisal>.

**Revised Streatley Parish Plan**



**Parish Plans are community-led plans that set out a vision for the future of a Parish, leading to the production of an action plan.**

Streatley Parish Council will shortly be starting work on their next Parish Plan, following the previous version which was issued 10 years ago.

We would like to involve other Streatley residents in preparing a questionnaire which will then be issued to all residents of Streatley Parish, so if you are willing to assist us in this important activity please contact Councillor Jeremy Spring at [jeremy.spring@streatley.org](mailto:jeremy.spring@streatley.org).

The questionnaire will be aimed at schoolchildren as well as adults, so children of secondary school age are welcome to help us in preparation of the questionnaire, as well as adults.

**Extra planning application**



The list of current planning applications at the end of this newsletter includes one from Basildon Parish Council. *Genie* does not usually include those from Basildon but this refers to the Royal Berkshire Shooting School at Tomb Farm, down Hook End Lane, and may affect some residents in Goring and Streatley. The closing date for comments is 24 September.

**Live Aid for Goring Library**



**Friday 3 October 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm**

Various Musicians have offered to perform at a Musical Evening on Friday 3 October at The Morrell Room, on Church Lane, off Streatley High Street. They include popular musical trio Harlequin (pictured), singing duo Vagabond, The Rural Broadband and many more.

There will also be some games and musical quizzes, drinks and snacks available to purchase, with fun and music for all! The proceeds will aid the Goring Library to create a restful outdoor area next to the library.

Tickets at £15 each are on sale online, at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FFYQ> or for cash at the library.

**Jessica Morgan, author and musician at the Morrell Room**



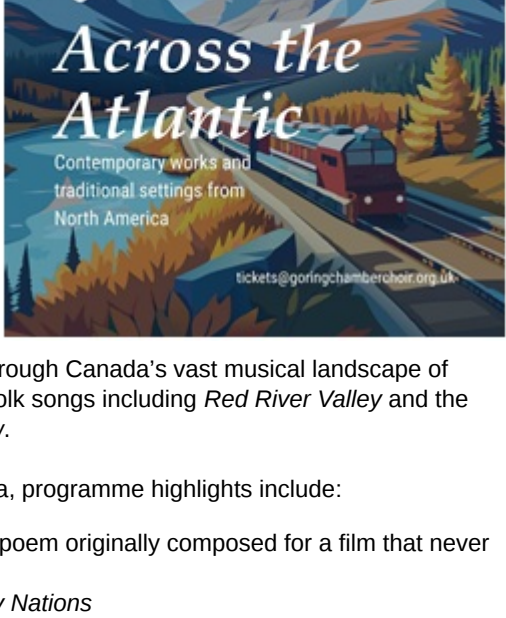
**Friday 10 October. Doors open 7pm**

Jessica Lee Morgan is an accomplished musician who plays, guitar, piano, violin, saxophone and more, who has played around the world from Carnegie Hall in New York, to the Royal Festival Hall in London. Her mother is Mary Hopkin, whose song *Those were the Days*, produced by Paul McCartney, was a number one hit, selling over 8 million copies, and Jessica's dad is Tony Visconti who produced the records of David Bowie, and other stars.

Jessica will be reading some extracts from her new book, *You know what you should do!* in which she recalls what it was like to have famous parents, answers questions about her life, and sings and plays a few of her songs. This is a rare opportunity to meet someone who knows the music business inside out! You can buy her book, and the recent CD that Jessica recorded with her mum.

Tickets only £10 each from [www.trybooking.com/uk/FFAX](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/FFAX) or on the door. Drinks and snacks available to purchase during the interval.

**A Musical Journey Across the Atlantic**



**Saturday 8 November 2025 at 3pm in St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Goring**

Goring Chamber Choir presents an enchanting afternoon of North American choral music. While you may already love the soaring harmonies of Eric Whitacre and the luminous compositions of Morten Lauridsen, prepare to be captivated by the extraordinary voices of Canadian composers who are just beginning to enchant British audiences.

From the beautiful and accessible works of Toronto's Eleanor Davey to the lesser-known Stephen Hatfield from Vancouver Island and Barry Peters from Nova Scotia on the Atlantic coast, this concert will transport you through Canada's vast musical landscape of remarkable discoveries. You'll also hear hauntingly familiar folk songs including *Red River Valley* and the achingly beautiful Newfoundland song *She's like the swallow*.

Connecting traditions old and new from the USA and Canada, programme highlights include:

- Eric Whitacre's tender *Seal Lullaby* (setting Kipling's poem originally composed for a film that never happened)
- Rupert Lang's world music-influenced *Mass for Many Nations*
- A fresh, moving setting of Robert Burns' *Banks of Doon* from Donna Gartman Schultz
- Randall Stroope's passionate *Amor de mi alma*

This promises to be an afternoon of musical exploration and discovery, showcasing voices both familiar and wonderfully new.

**Musical Director:** Frances Brewitt-Taylor; **Accompanist:** Steve Bowey.

Tickets: £15. Free for under-18s. Obtainable from a choir member, from Inspiration in Goring, from Garlands Organic in Pangbourne, or on the door. <http://www.goringchamberchoir.org.uk>

**Selective weed treatment on Goring streets – update**



The plan by Goring Parish Council (GPC) to do selective weed treatment around streets in Goring was reported in *Genie Village Matters No 184* 15 June 2025. Subsequent to the weed treatment, which used glyphosate, a petition to GPC was raised and signed by over 100 local residents, objecting to the use of this chemical in public areas. Letters were sent to GPC to ask for the weed treatment to be stopped, citing its potentially carcinogenic nature to humans and environmental implications so close to the river and the allotments by the car park.

The GPC decision to use glyphosate on persistent weeds was taken by a majority vote, after seeing the alternatives, at the full Council meeting on 9 June (see GPC website for minutes/Appendix O). At that time, GPC were advised that a second selective application should be carried out in the autumn.

At the GPC meeting on Monday 8 September ten objectors attended to ask for the second application to be cancelled. Their representative addressed the Council and in subsequent discussion one Councillor said that glyphosate had not been proven to be carcinogenic. A vote about cancelling the second application was taken. This was initially split 3-3 but after one abstainer agreed to vote, the result was for the second application to go ahead.

Councillors agreed that residents will have sufficient advance notice of when the treatment is happening and that anyone who displays an objection sign and keeps their own pavement weed-free over this time will not have their area treated. The second treatment will take place on Friday 26 September, weather permitting.

Goring Villagers Against Glyphosate has now formed which aims to persuade GPC not to use glyphosate on Goring's streets. They are preparing flyers and posters and encouraging residents to join their campaign. *Click on the graphic above to see a larger version for more information.*

**A Journey through Cholsey's Past**

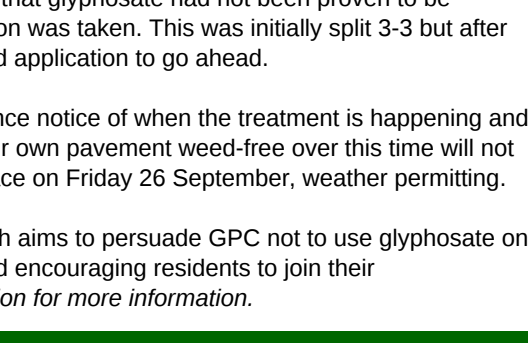


**The Cholsey Pavilion at 7.30pm on Friday 17 October**

Some revealing insights into bygone days in Cholsey. The evening will include three illustrated presentations by the Cholsey Archive team, with a fourth by historian Judy Dewey, who has brought us so much historical knowledge of our village through the ages. There will also be themed historical songs by versatile folk trio Three Pressed Men, and light refreshments in the interval.

Admission will be a mere £5 (cash or card at the door) and you are invited to reserve a seat by emailing [archive@cholsey.com](mailto:archive@cholsey.com) or telephoning 01491 652295.

**Check here on all local planning applications, current and past**



**This regular twice-monthly 'Planning Alert' service lists all the current planning applications submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council and West Berkshire Council relating to Goring, Streatley and South Stoke.**

They are listed in consultation period expiry date order, so the applications with the shortest periods for your comments are at the top. Each has a link to the actual application.

To make a comment to the relevant Planning Department, follow the advice given on the application. New applications will be added to the lists in subsequent newsletters and existing ones will remain until the consultation period has expired.

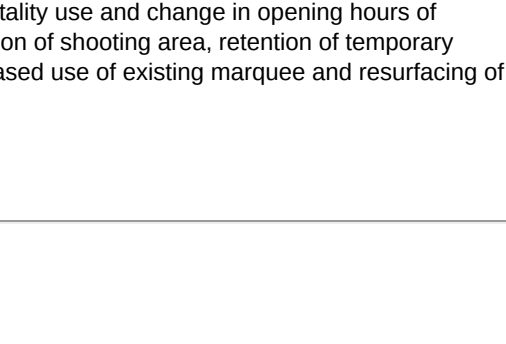
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**To check on all DECISIONS of previous SODC applications,** [CLICK HERE](#)

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| <b>STREATLEY</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Proposal:              | Application for approval of details reserved by condition 10 'SuDS' of approved application 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:      | <a href="#">P25/01767/COND</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>16 September 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Dunvean House Townsend Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Proposal:              | Internal alterations to existing dwelling, including reconfiguring the ground floor to create an open-plan living and dining area and playroom, upgrading the kitchen and utility, installing skylights, and reconfiguring rooms on the first floor. The proposals include replacing existing timber windows with double-glazed grey aluminium windows and associated internal works. No external extensions are proposed, the roof height remains unchanged and there is no increase in floor area (additional area 0.7m <sup>2</sup> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/01879/HOUSE</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>22 Sep 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Lower Thurle Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Proposal:              | Approval of details reserved by Condition (5) Tree Protection of planning permission 25/00179/HOUSE: Single storey extension with 1st floor extension above North wing. Refurbishment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/01815/COND</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>Determination deadline 8 October 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Cleeve Court House Streatley Reading RG8 9PR</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Proposal:              | T427, T426, T425, T424, T423, T421, T422 (Asht): Fell to ground level. All trees are in state of advanced die back                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/01995/TPV</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>Determination deadline 23 October 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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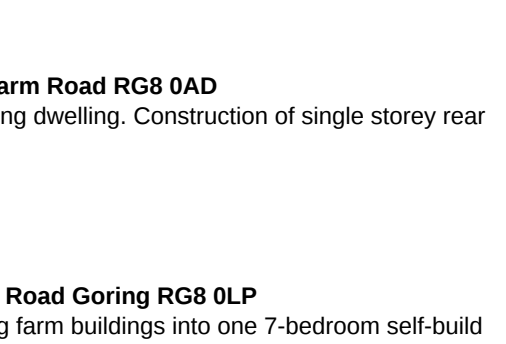
**Location:** **Tomb Farm Ashmstead Reading RG8 8SD**

Proposal: Part demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of single storey rear extension

Reference Number: [P25/S2589/HH](#)

Consultation Deadline: **19 September 2025**

**SOUTH STOKE**



**None**

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| <b>GORING</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>1 Fairfield Cottages Farm Road RG8 0AD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Proposal:              | Part demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of single storey rear extension                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/S2589/HH</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>19 September 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Battle Farm Elvendon Road Goring RG8 0LP</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Proposal:              | Restore/convert existing farm buildings into one 7-bedroom self-build dwelling with associated landscaping,carport and parking                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/S2671/FUL</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>26 September 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Temple Gardens The Bridleway RG8 0JY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Proposal:              | Demolition of front extension; erection of single storey front & rear extensions & detached garage.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/S2591/HH</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>26 September 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>45 Wallingford Road Goring Reading RG8 0HL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Proposal:              | Conversion of existing garage into bedroom; garage door replaced with a wall & window.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/S2771/HH</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>3 October 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Land known as Field Adjacent to Burial Ground Driveway off B4526 Reading Road RG8 0LL</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Proposal:              | Discharge of conditions 4 (Site Development) & 5 (Biodiversity) on P23/S3743/FUL - material change of use for mixed use of Equestrian & Residential, through the formation of a Gypsy/Traveller pitch providing 1 Static Caravan/Mobile Home & 1 Touring Caravan, alongside ancillary development. |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/S2576/DIS</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>Target decision date 9 October 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>Chauntersingers Cleeve Road Goring RG8 9BJ</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Proposal:              | 'In-filling' of existing footprint between existing garage & snug; partially convert the internal space of existing garage into a drying room. Lawful Development Certificate.                                                                                                                     |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/S2592/LDP</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>Target decision date 9 October 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Location:</b>       | <b>28 Milldown Road Goring RG8 0BB</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Proposal:              | Discharge of Condition 4 (Landscaping etc) on P25/S0946/HH - Front, side & rear extensions; dropped kerb & extended drive. Not subject to public consultation.                                                                                                                                     |
| Reference Number:      | <a href="#">P25/S2695/DIS</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Consultation Deadline: | <b>Target decision date 21 October 2025</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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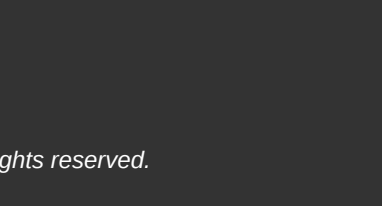
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