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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 September

In this Issue: B4009 closure; Streatley Hill consultation; Poppy making; September What's On; If you hit a deer; Goring Library events; Saunders' boathouse listed; OCC Councillor report; Wallingford Museum news – and our latest update of current planning applications.

Road Closure – B4009 Streatley Hill

The road will be closed from the Red Crossroads to the turning to Kim Road, Shaw (just short of Newbury) from 15 September to 15 September 06.00.

This is for gully cleaning.

No further information or access etc is available – this notification is correct at the time of writing but is subject to change.

Proposed Weight limit for the B4009 at Streatley Hill. Your opinion matters!

Following on from West Berkshire Council's recognition of the need to reduce speed on Streatley Hill, focus has switched to a legal restriction in weight limit down to a maximum of 18T vehicles if not lower, At present the B4009 is classified as a 40T weight restriction, meaning that any articulated lorry up to 40 tonnes and 44T can enter/exit Streatley via Streatley Hill.

Logically, the western access into Streatley should be restricted to a maximum 18T weight limit, to ensure vehicles of a certain size, (dimension and weight) are only allowed by exception after permit application.

Following concerns raised by residents Streatley Parish Council are addressing the weight issue in the same manner as for speed and this petition has been raised to allow residents to indicate opinions.

Your opinion matters and will support their ability to continue escalating this matter.

Please visit Proposed Weight limit change for the B4009 at Streatley Hill **for further information and to have your say.**

http://petitions.net/p/4009

Goring Remembrance Poppies Community Project – Can you help?

A major installation is planned in Goring to mark both Remembrance Day and the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

The exact nature of the installation in the Rectory Garden in November will be a surprise but will require very many poppies to be made. Goring Parish Council, supported by Local History Society, the Arts Society Goring and Cleeve by Goring WI along with Goring-on-Thames Parish Council who will be putting Poppy Wreaths in place on Armistice Day.

This exciting project can only succeed with the help of many volunteers to make the red acrylic wool poppies, which are to be either knitted or crocheted, like the one pictured below. The WI will be making a number of poppies and have offered to help anyone who has never done these before or simply, so if you haven't crafted for a while, and have some knitting or crocheting skills but need a little rusty, more confidence and contribution will be gratefully received as we need hundreds of poppies to make an effective display. Donations of acrylic, bright red deep red double knitting yarn are also welcome.

In September there will be two Saturday workshops for members of the community to make the poppies. These drop-in sessions are from 9.30-11.30am on 13 September in The Canterbury Room at St Thomas' and 10am-12noon on 20 September at The Goring Village Hall. If you can, please bring with you a size 5 crochet hook or 4 mm (old size 8) knitting needles, plus a small number of poppies.

For further information, please contact Janet Hurst (wizzwizardzoz@hotmail.com) or Sally Wicks (sally.wicks@btinternet.com)

What's On – for the month of September 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 3 Sept	• Noon: *Goring Gap News copy deadline* • 7.30pm Village Greenfingers: Speaker Rob Jacobs from Waterperry Gardens
Sat 6 Sept	10-30-11.30am Drop-in 5-a-side chess at Goring Library
Wed 10 Sept	• Tym Author talk: Julia Jarman at Goring Library: *From Pirates to Prosecco!* • 7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI: *How women won the vote*
Fri 12 Sept	*Genie News copy deadline*
Sat 13 Sept	• 9am-2pm antique market in Goring Village Hall • 9.30-11.30am Poppy making workshop, Canterbury Room • 7pm Parish recital in St Thomas'
Sun 14 Sept	4pm Piano recital in St Mary's, Streatley
Mon 15 Sept	2.30pm *Goring Gap Local History Society: The Gough Map: Getting around medieval England*
Tues 16 Sept	4.45-7pm Social scrabble in Goring Library
Wed 17 Sept	10.30am Friends of Goring Library AGM
Thurs 18 Sept	10.30-2pm *Pick-a-Flick: The Salt Path*
Wed 24 Sept	10am-midday Cuppa with a Copper in Goring Library
Fri 26 Sept	• *Genie News copy deadline* • 7.30pm Goring Unplugged
Sat 27 Sept	10am-12noon Poppy making workshop, Garden Room, GVH
Sun 28 Sept	2pm Singing workshop and following concert in St Thomas'
Mon 29 Sept	7pm Gap Festival Community Evening in Goring Social Club. For people interested in next year's Festival

What to do if you hit a deer

As we approach the deer rutting season (September to November), the number of deer involved in vehicle collisions on our roads increases dramatically. If you find yourself in a collision with a deer, it is recommended that you take the following steps

1) Ensure your own safety – Pull over to a safe location away from the traffic and switch on your hazard lights

2) Assess the situation – Check yourself and any passengers for injuries. If necessary, call for an ambulance.

3) Call 999 for the Police – Report the accident and on arrival they will handle the situation with the deer and provide any other assistance. Give them as precise a location as you can, ideally using what3words

4) Do not approach the deer – It may appear can be unpredictable and possibly dangerous, so do not approach the deer or get too close to it as it could cause harm to you and other road users.

For further information visit the Deer Society website.

Events at Goring Library

An evening with Julia Jarman, Wednesday 10 September

Doors open 7 pm. Talk starts 7.30. Tickets £10 per person to include a glass of wine. Click **HERE** to find out more and how to buy tickets

Cuppa with a Copper, Wednesday 24 September 10am to Midday. Free coffee and cakes provided Join our local PC for a chat. Click **HERE** find out more

Don't forget the Chess Club every 4th Tuesday of the Month and drop in for a-side Chess Club which takes place on the first Saturday of the month 10-11.30am. Click **HERE** to learn more

Goring's Victorian Boathouse now listed by Historic England

Saunders' Victorian boathouse, High Street, Goring-on-Thames, Grade II listed, has been listed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the advice of Historic England, in recognition of its historic and architectural interest

This iconic building by Goring bridge was designed in 1894 by architect Percy Goddard Stone for local entrepreneur, engineer and boatbuilder Samuel Edgar Saunders (1869-1933). In 1908 it was acquired by Hobbs of Henley. The showpiece of the building has Art Nouveau and Arts and Crafts

By 1901, Saunders had relocated to the Isle of Wight, building his first flying boat with a 'Consuta' hull. His business expanded into steamboats, pleasure gondoliers, lifeboats, and aircraft, producing record-breaking vessels. In 1929, Sir Edwin Alliott Verdon Roe, aircraft designer and manufacturer, invested in the company, which became Saunders Roe (Saro Ltd), known for such famous designs as Sir Malcolm Campbell's Bluebird speedboat (1937). An Oxfordshire Blue Plaque was added to Saunders' Boathouse in 2013 to celebrate his achievements. The boathouse is currently up for sale.

The submission for listing was made by local residents Enid Wonsley and Janet Hurst, with support from Oxford architectural expert David Clark and Thames boathouse historian Michael Dawson. Historic England listing offers legal protection to culturally significant buildings, ensuring their preservation for future generations and contributing to the nation's heritage.

Full details of the official Press Release from Historic England can be viewed **HERE** and further information about the listing and the building can be found by clicking on List Entry No 1403436

August Oxfordshire County Councillor's Report from Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers

This comprehensive 9-page Report covers local and countywide matters. Please click **THIS LINK** to read it.

Wallingford Museum News

- Agatha Christie's Mystery Weekend in Wallingford and Chotsey: September 13-14
- Agatha Christie in Art
- Agatha Christie guided walks in Wallingford
- Wallingford Bridge
- The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

You can find out about these events **HERE**

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.

To check all current APPLICATIONS for Goring, Streatley & South Stoke CLICK HERE.

To check on all DECISIONS of previous SODC applications, CLICK HERE

To check on all DECISIONS of previous WBC applications, CLICK HERE

STREATLEY

Location:	**Lardon House Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9LD**
Proposal:	Resubmission of the erection of a 4-bay garage with overhead storage to serve Lardon House (ref: 25/00038/HOUSE
Reference Number:	25/01583/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline:	**4 September 2025**
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Location:	**West Streatley House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY**
Proposal:	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 (Materials/Samples/Schedule) of approved 25/01113/LBC.
Reference Number:	25/01817/COND
Consultation Deadline:	**10 September 2025**
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Location:	**Streatley Farmhouse Wallingford Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PT**
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) Equine Veterinary Practice (Sui Generis), 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 of Pigeon House and associated land at Reagals 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:	25/01787/COND
Consultation Deadline:	**10 September 2025**
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Location:	**Lower Thurle Rectory Road Streatley Reading RG8 9QH**
Proposal:	Approval of details reserved by Condition (5) Tree Protection of planting permission 25/00179/HOUSE: Single storey extension with 1st floor extension above North wing. Refurbishment
Reference Number:	25/01915/COND
Consultation Deadline:	**Determination deadline 8 October 2025**

SOUTH STOKE

Location:	**Middle Barn Little Stoke OX10 6AZ**
Proposal:	Discharge of condition(s) 6 (Landscaping Scheme) on planning application ref P23/S3623/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 landscaping.
Reference Number:	P25/S3674/DAS
Consultation Deadline:	**Target decision date 1 September 2025**
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Location:	**Middle Barn Little Stoke Wallingford OX10 6AZ**
Proposal:	Non-material amendment on planning application P23/S3623/FUL. The following changes are requested: (i) window & cladding colour changed to anthracite grey from graphite black (ii) window size & positioning amended (iii) roof lights removed (iv) wood burner & flue removed (v) internal layout amendments to Units 1 & 2 to provide better reflect the construction requirements and the removal of bedroom 2 in favour of an open galleried landing. (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 landscaping)
Reference Number:	P25/S3615/NMI
Consultation Deadline:	**Target decision date 15 September 2025**

GORING

Location:	**45 Wallingford Road Goring RG8 0HL**
Proposal:	Garage conversion. Lawful Development Certificate.
Reference Number:	P25/S3656/LP
Consultation Deadline:	**Target decision date 3 September 2025**
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Location:	**8 Heron Shaw Goring RG8 9AD**
Proposal:	Front extension and additions to existing roof. Erection of annex outbuilding in garden
Reference Number:	P25/S2168/HH
Consultation Deadline:	**5 September 2025**

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

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To visit WBC's planning website:
https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simpleSearch&searchType=Application

Information on how to comment on a WBC application:
https://info.westberks.gov.uk/interpretations

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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

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