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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 November

In this issue: Road closure; Footpath open; November What's On; Poppy project; South Stoke fireworks; B4009 weight limit update; Reminders; Police report – and our latest update of current planning applications.

Road Closure – Shooter's Hill, Pangbourne

3 to 6 November, overnight, 21.00 to 05.00 each day

This is the part of the A329 going under the railway in Pangbourne. Closure is for concrete repairs to the roof of the railway overbridge.

- Blue light access will be available and emergency access will be maintained if possible.
- Contractor: Sunbelt Rentals. Contact No: 03700 500792.
- Link to diversion route: https://goo.net/work/?m=GB149617

New footpath now open in Streatley

Footpath 21 was officially opened at a special ceremony on 24 October

This nearly 400m long path connects the NE corner of Streatley recreation ground (by the children's playground) to the Thames Path and the river. It varies in width from about 7m at the western end (as pictured) to 2.5m at the river. There are no gates at either end and a 1m high stock proof fence has been erected on both sides to keep dogs away from the wildlife in the meadows, especially the waterfowl on the southern side of the path which is part of a registered Local Wildlife Site.

This path provides a new and pleasant walk when dry. However, it is part of a floodplain. It therefore may often be wet due to the nature of the terrain from groundwater flooding and also flooding by the two streams which cross the path towards the river end. To facilitate all-weather access, there are two 1.2m-wide bridges over the streams, with ramps at each side, suitable for buggies and wheel chairs.

The opening of the path has been a long time coming as it was created as part of a planning permission in 2004 as the meadows and the wildlife site are owned by the Swan Hotel. West Berkshire Council funded this project with support from Mend the Gap, a partnership project with the North Wessex Downs and Chilterns National Landscapes and the Railway Action Group.

This path is now is an asset for walkers and everyone to enjoy.

What's On – for the month of November 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:

Sat 1 Nov
- Scarecrow trail continues until Sunday evening
- 10.30-11.30am Drop in Saxale Chess at Goring Library
- 6pm Wallingford Fireworks/Pangbourne Fireworks Fiesta

Sun 2 Nov
6pm VentQuattro a capella singers in St.Thomas'

Tues 4 Nov
5pm Gilb Book Group in Goring Library

Wed 5 Nov
- 12noon Goring Gap News copy deadline
- 7.30pm Village Greenfingers: Derry Watkins *Late summer colour*

Fri 7 Nov
- South Stoke Fireworks
- Cholsey Bonfire Night

Sat 8 Nov
- 9am-5pm Artists at Goring in Goring Village Hall. Also open on Sunday.
- 3pm Goring Chamber Choir: *Across the Atlantic*
- 7pm Langtree Sinfonia Concert

Sun 9 Nov
Remembrance Sunday
10.50am War Memorials. 11am Remembrance silence.

Tue 11 Nov
4.45-6pm Lego Club in Goring Library (book in)

Wed 12 Nov
- Genie News copy deadline
- 7.30pm Cleeve by Goring WI: *Berkshire Women's Aid*

Sat 15 Nov
- 9am-2pm Artisan market in Goring Village Hall
- 10-12.45pm Cholsey Repair Café

Mon 17 Nov
2.30pm Goring Gap Local History Society: *Oxford Maps*

Wed 19-Sat 22 Nov
7.30pm Goring Gap Players: *Bell, Book and Candle*

Thurs 20 Nov
10.30-2pm Pick-a-Flick: *Waking Ned*

Wed 26 Nov
- Genie News copy deadline
- 11am, 2pm The Arts Society, Goring: *The paintings and wit of Winston Churchill and Noel Coward*

Thursday 27 Nov
10.30am Goring Gap U3a: *A 17th Century Christmas*

Friday 28 Nov
Goring Unplugged

A memorable community project to mark Remembrance Day

On Saturday 25 October over 40 members of the community gathered in the Community Centre to assemble the large poppy installation that will decorate the Goring village sign in Rectory Garden to mark Remembrance Day in November. Weather permitting, the poppy netting will be installed on Monday 3 November.

A total of 85 ladies assisted in this project by knitting or crocheting an amazing 1,750 red wool poppies. This required 110 balls of wool (100gm size) and the poppies were tied on to a large piece of camouflage netting measuring 25 square metres.

The joint project has been organised by Arts Society, Goring, Goring Gap Local History Society and Goring Parish Council with assistance from Cleeve by Goring WI and a craft group from South Stoke WI, and has been a wonderful community project enjoyed by all involved.

South Stoke Fireworks event – Friday 7 November

This big event is on again in the Recreation Ground and the gates are open at 5.30pm, for the display starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets: www.ticketsource.com/Whats-on/South-Stoke

Message about protecting pets during the fireworks period: Dogs & Cats

Reminders of two events featured in the 16 October Genie

Goring Village Clean Up Saturday 8 November
Volunteers are needed for a Village Clean Up day being organised by Goring Parish Council on Saturday 8 November, 9am to 12 noon.

An evening with Kate Humble Thursday 4 December

- Place: Morrell Room, Streatley
- Time: Doors open 7 pm, talk starts 7.30 pm
- Cost: £12pp to include a glass of wine or soft drink
- Tickets available on Eventbrite and from the library

Perch and Pike, South Stoke, now to reopen on 21 November

We reported in our last newsletter of 16 October that the new landlord of the Perch & Pike, Richard Keep, told Genie that he is hoping to open the doors in the evening of either Friday 7 or Friday 14 November.

This date has now been revised to Friday 21 November.

Update on proposed weight limit on B4009 at Streatley Hill

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the online questionnaire soliciting views regarding the imposition of a weight limit on Streatley Hill which we posted last month .

Particularly helpful are the many respondents who supplied additional comments, anecdotal evidence or raised further questions as to what might be the knock-on effects of a weight limit.

Please see the full update **HERE**.

The latest list of local incidents and crimes in the Goring area reported to Genie by the Thames Valley Police

28 Oct	Dangerous dog – Gatehampton Road
23 Oct	Suspicious person – Found later not to be suspicious
12 Oct	Suspicious person – Not found
9 Oct	Action Fraud
8 Oct	Burglary – Ellendon Road
25 Sept	Public Order incident – Bridleway

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: **Ickleton Fields Wantage Road Streatley Reading RG8 9PY**
Proposal: Proposed detached oak framed garage with studio
Reference Number: P25/S2614/OUT
Consultation Deadline: 30 October 2025

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Location: **Yarnton House High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9HY**
Proposal: Timber orangery to replace the existing conservatory
Reference Number: P25/S2629/HOUSE
Consultation Deadline: 4 November 2025

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Location: **Rugby The Coombe Streatley Reading RG8 9QT**
Proposal: Enlargement of existing rear bedroom window, using matching white PVC double-glazed materials.
Reference Number: P25/S2436/CERTP
Consultation Deadline: 18 November 2025

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Location: **White Hart House 4 White Hart Yard High Street Streatley Reading RG8 9JE**
Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 'Materials' of approved application 24/02380/HOUSE: Proposed Cart Shed
Reference Number: P25/S3730/COND
Consultation Deadline: Determination deadline 9 December 2025

SOUTH STOKE

Location: **Dove Tree Cottage The Street South Stoke RG8 0JS**
Proposal: Discharge of condition 5(flood resistance and resilience measures) on application ref. P25/S0778/HH (Demolition of existing garage & front porch; Erection of new front porch & two storey side extension. Alterations to front elevation. Raised decking platform to rear).
Reference Number: P25/S2954/DIS
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 14 November 2025

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Location: **Ashmount Cottage Ferry Road South Stoke RG8 0JL**
Proposal: Extensions to existing property to include the incorporation of the outbuilding into the main house. Works to include the reconfiguration of the internal rooms and replacement of the conservatory
Reference Number: P25/S3273/HH
Consultation Deadline: 17 November 2025

GORING

Location: **Lowwood River Retreat Bridle Way RG8 9HS**
Proposal: Demolition of existing shed & summerhouse and replacement with larger structure in same location.
Reference Number: P25/S2988/FUL
Consultation Deadline: 30 October 2025

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Location: **4 Red Cross Road Goring RG8 9HG**
Non-material amendment to P25/S2146/HH - single storey side extension and alterations to front elevation: front door and window to be mirrored to match adjacent property. Not subject to public consultation.
Reference Number: P25/S3189/NM
Consultation Deadline: Target decision date 4 November 2025

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Location: **Lybtec Cottages Manor Road Goring RG8 9DS**
Proposal: Conservation-led repair & refurbishment works, with no demolition or extensions, to include: removal and reinstatement of render on rear elevation & lean-to; repair & repointing of east chimney; replacement of rear entrance door; removal of garden decking; various internal works. (Listed Building Consent)
Reference Number: P25/S3094/LB
Consultation Deadline: 5 November 2025

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Location: **Knightstone Station Road Goring RG8 9HA**
Proposal: Refurbishment of single dwelling to 2 x 2 bed semi- detached dwellings with front two storey extension.
Reference Number: P25/S3164/FUL
Consultation Deadline: 12 November 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&Type=Application

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

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Goring-on-Thames PC

Streatley PC;

South Stoke PC

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